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On Our Cover:



Take a Kid Fishing Day
By Eddie Morgan
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Opening Remarks

Too Soon? Let's Talk About Awards Season

By the time this issue drops, we'll know if the Cubs won the World Series. And at the end of this *Beachcomber's* shelf life, we'll know if our next president is gonna be the crook or the racist.

Which brings me to the Beachcomber Music Awards. We're planning our ninth (!) event already, to be held the first Monday night in March 2017, venue to be announced.

Beginning next month, we'll have a lengthy nominating ballot online. We're looking for qualified nominees in all categories. The initial nominating ballot is open to any and all performers on the Emerald Coast, including that guy that badmouthed us on Facebook earlier this year.

Email me at chris@beachcomberdestin.com if you're a musician or venue, and we'll move forward from there.

In January, we'll post the final ballot, with the top three (or four in case of ties) nominees in each category. Followed by the usual mad scrambling—securing a venue, lining up presenters and performers, dipping into our savings to cover our Awards Night bar tab, etc.

It sounds so simple, but it's a lot of hard work. And I'm looking forward to it. Thanks in advance for your participation.

- Chris

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

The subject of last issue's "The Beat Profiles" was incorrectly identified as Matt Byrd. His name is actually **Marcus Byrd**, and if you haven't been to see his band Habitual Offender, shame on you. To his credit, Matt—I mean, Marcus—was very cool about the error, having worked in the newspaper business back in the '80s.



Fall has definitely fallen (sorry) at the Destin Library, obvious to any who have seen the GOURDgeous (sorry again) display by the Destin Garden Club.

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This Issue's Contributors

Eddie Morgan (Cover) was born and raised in Destin. He's the manager of Harbor Docks and tournament director for the Cobia World Championships, Crab Cruncher Classic and Harbor Docks Summer Open King Mackerel Tournament.

Take a Kid Fishing Day—set for **Nov. 6** at Harbor Docks—is important “because it showcases the true history of Destin, a fishing village, to future generations,” says Morgan. “It gives many children who have never had the opportunity to go fishing—or even be on a boat—a chance to experience one of the many things that makes our area such a special place.”

Nikki Hedrick (“Kate McRae Comes Home”), a resident of Seagrove Beach, is a photographer, longtime *Beachcomber* contributor and social media guru. Her 850 Music & Entertainment launches the Kite Film Festival **Nov. 12**.

Kellyanne Bartleson (“Kid-Friendly Events”) is the creator of **EmeraldCoastKids.org**, a comprehensive online resource guide for all things kids, teens and families in Walton and Okaloosa counties.

Samantha Lambert (“Family Biz Spans Decades for Fort Walton Beach's Kelleys”) grew up in Fort Walton Beach in the 1970s. She enjoys writing and the beach and is an animal lover. Her four-legged family includes a chocolate Lab and two cats.

Joni Williams (“Spilling the Beans on the Area's Best Coffee Houses”) is one of the few people in the world who won't get fired for drinking beer on the job, though she graciously abstained for this issue's Brew Review.

Phil Gardner (“Pickleball II: The Sequel”) and his wife moved here after spending five years traveling around the country in an RV. “I was amazed at the number of enthusiastic Pickleball players and fell in love with the game

myself,” he says. “My kids from Atlanta got their first taste of the game when they visited us, and I think they're hooked now as well.”

Tim Morinelli (“Fantasy Football from a Fan's Standpoint”) is the male half of the Beachcomber Music Award winning Flash Flood Duo. He's just started his own audio-visual company and is apparently a Green Bay Packers fan.



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Fort Walton Beach

The Okaloosa and Walton County community gathered in big numbers with lots of bling and glitz at the Ramada Beach Resort for **Rhinestones for Ronda!**, a fundraiser for the United Way's former vice president of resource development **Ronda Davenport**. Davenport is battling cancer, and her medical costs are rising.

Area business and individuals donated an extensive array of items for live and silent auctions, wine wagon, bling rings and several other fundraising opportunities. All in all, the one-night event raised almost \$16,000.

Vicki Tarro of Fort Walton Beach Medical Center, accompanied by over 15 community committee members, organized *Rhinestones for Ronda!*

Jessica Davenport, Ronda's daughter, spoke to guests. "We are so grateful to the special organizing committee people, as well as businesses and individuals who have donated items or sponsored," she said. "My mom and our family are so humbled by the way this community has rallied to show its support for her. I know it means so much to have



A Ronda-strong bond for Davenport's rhinestone-studded fundraiser.

Photo submitted by Kay Phelan.

her friends stand beside her and encourage her during this time."

Donations are still requested and can be made at gofundme.com/RondaDavenport. Check donations may be sent to the Ronda Davenport Trust, c/o Fleet Smith Law Firm, 1283 N. Eglin Parkway, Shalimar, FL 32579.

- Kay Phelan

Destin

The **First Annual Destin Charity Cornhole Tournament** was held at Destin Commons in October. The event attracted 28 competing teams for a \$500 cash prize and trophies. Proceeds of over \$4,000 from the event and a silent auction of five cornhole board sets custom painted by area artists benefited the **Emerald Coast Children's Advocacy Centers** (ECCAC) in Okaloosa and Walton counties.

Participants and spectators also enjoyed visiting the Beer Garden sponsored by World of Beer, complete

with free bottomless craft beer, Bloody Marys, mimosas and snacks.

"We were so pleased with the success of the first year for the Destin Charity Cornhole Tournament," says ECCAC CEO **Julie Hurst**. "And, most important, the monies raised will benefit our kids who are dealing with abusive situations in their young lives. We're looking forward to next year."

- Kay Phelan



Destin Charity Cornhole Tournament winners. First place and \$500 winners Katie Beason and Jeremy Hiatt of the "I'd Hit That" team from Shalimar, second place winners Adam Gilbert and Thomas Thielman of the "Over The Top" team, and third place winners James Dufour and Steve Preble of the "Spartans" team from Crestview.

Photo submitted by Kay Phelan.

Santa Rosa Beach



Pam Kaplan and Jill Cadenhead wig out for the Emerald Coast Children's Advocacy Center.

Photo submitted by Kay Phelan.

It was indeed an entertaining ladies night out at V Lala Galleries in 30Avenue last month for the **Emerald Coast Children's Advocacy Center** (ECCAC). The evening was filled with wine, food, fun, music, silent auction and more at the 2nd *Annual Wiggins' Out for a Cause*.

Upon arriving, ladies were treated to a wig and then a mini hair and make-up session by area stylists. They went on to mix, mingle and partake in many activities throughout the evening, including energetic live karaoke performances.

Proceeds raised benefited ECCAC's centers in Walton and Okaloosa counties. ECCAC's mission is to prevent child abuse and neglect, protect children, and restore the lives and futures of these impacted children. Get involved by volunteering, or donating to ECCAC.

Learn more at eccac.org.

- Kay Phelan

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Amendment 1 on Florida Ballot Is a Wolf in Sheep's Clothing

By Carl Hiaasen, Tribune Content Agency

Let the scum shine.

The solar-power amendment on Florida's ballot is a slick, oily fraud. Promoted as a way to expand solar energy and protect residents who want it, Amendment 1 would do just the opposite.

All you need to know is who's bankrolling the massive advertising campaign: Florida Power & Light, Duke Energy, Tampa Electric Co., Gulf Power and a few nonprofits funded heavily by Exxon Mobil and a pair of right-wing billionaire brothers named Koch.

When is the last time they all banded together to do something wonderful for the average consumer?

These are not fans of broadening our energy choices. These are politically

powerful utility and oil interests seeking to restrict and monopolize the burgeoning solar industry. The last thing they want is free-market competition. The prospect worries them so much that they've forked out almost \$22 million to push for Amendment 1.

Their political committee calls itself "Consumers for Smart Solar." The PR wiz who came up with that name must have gotten a good laugh, because consumers would be the long-term victims of this measure.

From its beginning, the secret strategy for selling Amendment 1 was to deceive Floridians into believing it was a populist, pro-solar movement. Last week, reporter Mary Ellen Klas of the Miami Herald obtained a devastating audiotape of a presentation made by an executive of a Tallahassee think tank that provides "research" to the state's big electric utilities.

On the tape, Sal Nuzzo of the James Madison Institute is heard praising Amendment 1 as "an incredibly savvy maneuver" that "would completely negate anything they (pro-solar groups) would try to do either legislatively or constitutionally down the road."

After Nuzzo's comments became public, JMI hastily issued a statement saying he "misspoke" during the industry conference at which he was recorded. But the damage was done, Nuzzo's confident remarks confirming what opponents of Amendment 1 (including the Florida League of Women Voters) have been saying all along. The whole idea is to screw solar providers that could someday compete with the major electric companies.

The amendment was word-crafted with the sole intent of trickery. The first item supposedly gives electricity consumers a "constitutional right" to

own or lease solar equipment "for their own use."

Guess what? We've already got that right—no amendment necessary.

The second part of the ballot item is the trapdoor: "State and local governments shall retain their abilities to protect consumer rights and public health, safety and welfare, and to ensure that consumers who do not choose to install solar are not required to subsidize the costs of backup power and electric access to those who do."

That language opens the way for municipalities and the state to hit local solar providers with fees and regulations that could prevent them from selling low-cost electricity to customers, which would basically defeat the whole purpose of the technology.

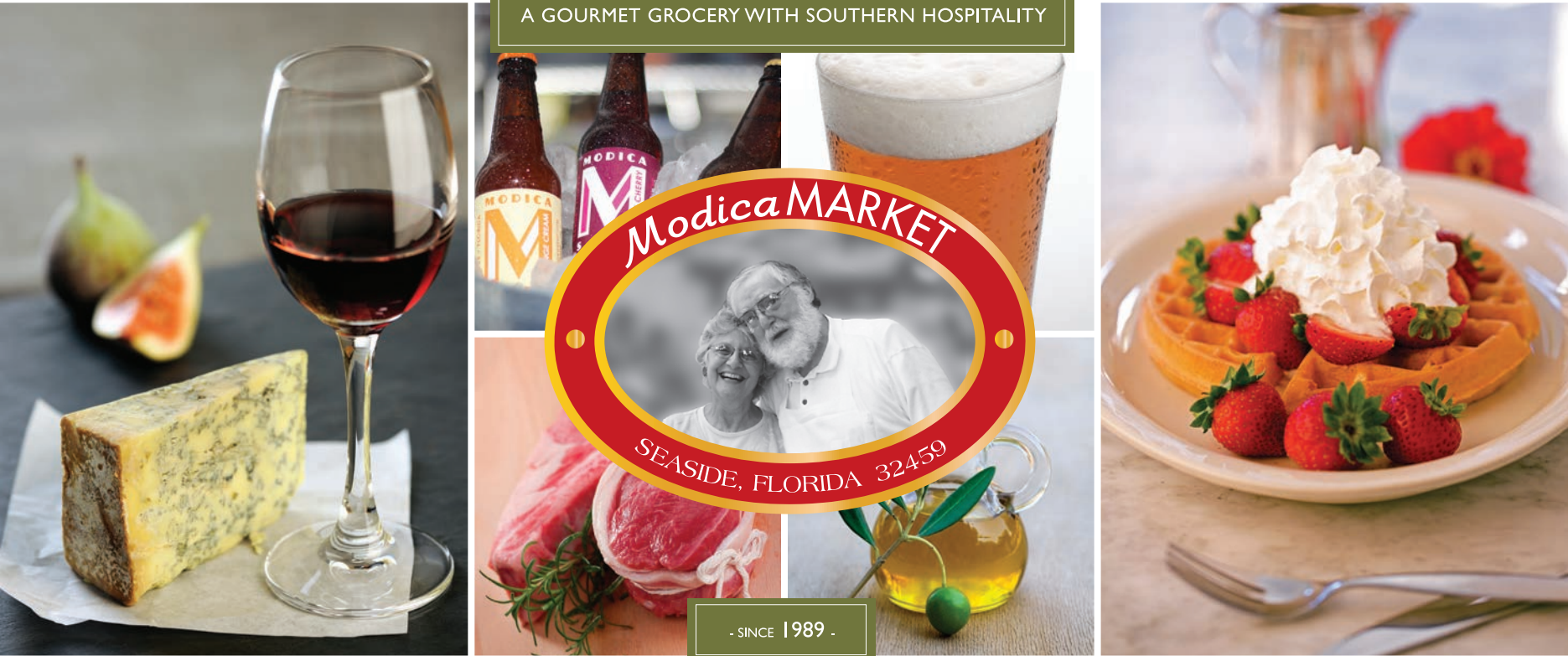
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Congrats, Mattie Kelly Festival of the Arts Winners!

On a warm and sunny fall weekend the Emerald Coast arts scene sparkled a little brighter as 27 local and regional artists who ventured to the Northwest

Florida Gulf Coast to exhibit in the **21st Annual Mattie Kelly Arts Foundation Festival of the Arts** were awarded \$10,000 in cash art prize awards honors.

The two-day signature art celebration, held Oct. 29 and 30 at the Mattie Kelly Cultural Arts Village in Destin, featured exhibits of more than 100 artists from across the United States and Europe showcasing a diverse palette of artistic styles in 15 different art mediums.

Marcia Hull, Mattie Kelly Arts Foundation CEO, remarked: “This signature cultural event wouldn’t be possible without the 37 festival sponsors, over 100 community volunteers and art enthusiasts who attend to support our arts and education outreach initiatives.”

Guest judges **Jerry R. Johnson**, Professor of Art and Design at Troy University, Troy, Alabama, and **Nancy Raia**, Community Outreach Director of the Eastern Shore Art in Fairhope, awarded 28 ribbons that each included a cash prize.

Honors were given for one Best in Show, three Awards of Excellence, five Awards of Merit and 10 Judge’s Recognition Awards given to artists whose work reflected exceptional talent and craftsmanship. Seven of the winners exhibited in the Collaborative Exhibit, which featured emerging adult artists and local student artists.

Festivalgoers deemed metal artist **David Griesmyer** of McConnelsville, Ohio the 2016 winner of the People’s Choice Artist Award. His exhibit included life-sized metal sculptures including foliage filled tree, a proud peacock and a wistful ballerina.

Kathleen Broaderick, whose striking silver-blue “Bonita” graced the official poster, t-shirt and festival guide as winner of the 2016 Poster Art Contest, also received an Award of Merit making this first-time MKAF exhibitor a two-time winner.

For the third consecutive year, the Best in Show winner of the Collaborative Art Exhibit was awarded to a high school student, **Natalie Cross** from Niceville High School. The Collaborative Art Exhibit features adults and students competing for the Special McIlroy Awards in honor of the late Patricia McIlroy, Destin’s First Lady and an MKAF advocate and patron.

“We were thrilled to see 31 new artists join us for this year’s annual Festival of the Arts,” said **Deb Nissley**, artist market chair and Festival co-producer. “We are vigilant about ensuring the festival includes quality artists and a variety of artistic styles and mediums, and I think this 21st anniversary year’s diverse range of winners reflects that.”

MKAF will begin accepting artist and poster entry applications for the 2017 Festival of the Arts next February. The event is set for **Oct. 28 and 29.**

The full roster of artists honored follows:

BEST IN SHOW WINNER
\$1,600
Lena Reznik, Cumming, Georgia – Oil & Acrylic

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE WINNERS
\$800
Juan Francisco Adaro, Freeport – Mixed Media
Gayle Campbell, Valparaiso – Jewelry
Jamie Babula, Panama City Beach – Acrylic and Pencil/Graphite



Best in Show winner Lena Reznik of Cumming, Georgia.



Award of Merit winner Gary Worthington of Destin.

AWARD OF MERIT WINNERS

\$400

Claire Whitmore, Huntsville, Alabama – Fiber

Gary Worthington, Destin – Mixed Media

Kathleen Broaderick, Miramar Beach – Oil

Maria Spies, Silverhill, Alabama – Clay

JUDGE'S RECOGNITION AWARD WINNERS

\$200

Tony Krynsky, Pensacola – Mixed Media

Jordan Aucoin, Miramar Beach – Sculpture

Hannah Spiegelman, Panama City – Acrylic Gouache

Connie Nabholz, Lynn Haven – Jewelry

Martin Figlinski, Lynn Haven – Wood & Acrylic

Bill Fussell, Panama City – Jewelry

Inka Smith, Cantonment – Jewelry

Jeff and Jaky Felix, Titus, Alabama – Glass

Michael Fagan, Pensacola – Mixed Media

George Bragg, Panama City Beach – Metal

PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD

\$800

David Griesmyer, McConnelsville, Ohio – Metal

Sculpture

POSTER ART CONTEST WINNER

\$500

Kathleen Broaderick, Miramar Beach – “Bonita”

– Oil

COLLABORATIVE EXHIBIT WINNERS

Best in Show (\$250) – **Natalie Cross**, Niceville High School

Adult 1st Place (\$100) – **Ian Fagan**, Pensacola

Adult 2nd Place (\$75) – **John Murphy**, DeFuniak Springs

Adult 3rd Place (\$50) – **Linda Kernick**, Fort Walton Beach

Student 1st Place (\$100), **Samantha Durkin**, Niceville High School

Student 2nd Place (\$75), **Dakota Voyce**, Crestview High School

Student 3rd Place (\$50), **Annalisse McKee**, Fort Walton Beach High School

More than 6,000 art lovers attended the sunshine-filled two-day festival. Thanks to the generous support of 39 local business and media sponsors and a team of more than 100 volunteers, art lovers of all ages were able to watch artists create works of art before their eyes, browse art from dozens of emerging new and student artists, and get hands-on in the interactive children's art station.

Beyond the visual arts, the festival featured six acts performing two days of continual live music and samplings from the local culinary arts scene. Entertaining street performers, lively art drawings, and the sale of colorful keepsake souvenirs all created a family-friendly festival feel.

Event proceeds help to fund MKAF's cultural season of events and arts education outreach programs that serve populations of students and families, including children and adults with special needs and a wounded warrior initiative for our returning combat military and veterans suffering with post-traumatic stress disorder.

For more information on how you can become a member of MKAF, provide a donation or explore opportunities to get involved on a committee or the Board of Directors, call 850-650-2226, find MKAF on Facebook or visit **mattiekellyartsfoundation.org**.

– Zandra Wolfram



Award of Excellence winner Jamie Babula of Panama City Beach.



Award of Excellence winner Juan Francisco Adaro of Freeport.

ART CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

ARTFUL THINGS, 1087 East John Sims Parkway, Niceville. Call 850-729-2600 for more info.

Tuesdays. Oil with Rosalyn O'Grady, 10 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m. Cost is \$20 per session plus supplies. Call Ros at 850-865-5343. rosalynogrady.com.

Wednesdays. Watercolor with Lou Kaunzinger, 10 a.m.-noon. Cost for four-week session is \$80 plus supplies. Call Lou at 850-897-1456.

Thursdays. Landscape Painting with Carol Ann Cain, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Cost is \$25 per session plus supplies. Call Carol at 850-543-3575. carolanncain.com.

Fridays. Beginning Head Studies with Charlotte Arnold, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Cost is \$25 per session plus supplies. Call Charlotte at 850-240-7888. CharlotteArnoldFineArt.com.

Saturdays. Kids' Drawing with Sarah Coleman, 10 a.m.-noon. For ages 11-15. Cost is \$25 per session plus supplies. Call 310-717-4302 for more info.

ARTS AND DESIGN SOCIETY (ADSO) Classes at the Art Center Gallery, Fort Walton Beach. More info at artsdesignsociety.org.

Mondays and Wednesdays. Clay and Pottery Open Studio, 9 a.m.-noon both days and 6:30-9 p.m. Mondays. Beginners welcome. Cost for morning classes with **Pat Basque** is \$12 (\$10 for ADSO members). Cost for Monday evening

class with **Marcy Eady** is \$15 (\$12 for ADSO members). Materials and firing included.

Tuesdays. Art for Children Ages 6-12, 4-5:30 p.m. **Marcy Eady** teaches about the masters and their styles using principles of basic drawing, painting and sculpture. Media vary each week. Cost per month is \$70 (\$60 for ADSO members). All supplies included.

Tuesdays. Oil Painting with Dale Gauvin, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Learn the Chiaroscuro technique favored by the old masters. Cost is \$85 (\$70 for ADSO members).

Tuesdays. Open Studio, 7-9:30 p.m. Bring your own supplies (except clay—no clay, please) and work with other Beachcomberland artists. Cost is \$7 (\$5 for ADSO members).

Thursdays. Watercolor Painting with Pat Farwell, 9:30 a.m.-noon. Beginner through advanced. Bring your own supplies—list provided in the ADSO office. Cost is \$85 per month (\$70 for ADSO members).

Fridays. Open Studio, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Same as Tuesdays, but enter through the ADSO office, please.

Nov. 19. Figure Drawing with Heather Clements, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Cost for the workshop is \$45 (\$40 for ADSO members), including live model fee—tips encouraged. Bring your own supplies.

EMERALD COAST GALLERY & GIFTS, Destin. Call 850-460-8644 to register for classes, and visit emeraldcoastartgallery.com for more info.

FULL CIRCLE GALLERY, 29 B Eglin Parkway, Fort Walton Beach. Call 850-362-8041 or visit fullcirclefwb.com for more info.

Thursdays. Pottery a la Carte, 6-8 p.m. Cost per session is \$35.

HERITAGE MUSEUM OF NORTHWEST FLORIDA, 115 Westview Avenue, Valparaiso. Call 850-678-2615 for more info and to register.

Nov. 8 and 15. Mosaics with Katheline Nehus, 5-8 p.m. Cost is \$20 (\$15 for museum members) plus one-time \$10 fee for materials and use of tools.



Nov. 8 and 15. Pine Needle Basketry with Joe Stoy, 5-8 p.m. The two-part class teaches the age-old skill using the original Seminole techniques. Cost is \$55 (\$50 for museum members). All materials included.

HH ARTS, 100 Beal Parkway SW, Fort Walton Beach. Call 850-218-2155 to register or get more info.

THE SHARD SHOP in the Shops of Grayton, Grayton Beach. Shard art is a Glass Collage technique of applying glass to painted canvas with resin holding it all together. Classes daily. Open Tue.-Sat., 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Adult classes Tue.-Fri., 10 a.m.-noon. Families (adults and kids) Tue., Weds., Fri., 1-3 p.m. After school kids' classes Thursdays, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Home school day Thursdays, 1-3 p.m. Open studio and walk-ins every Saturday.

Adult classes start at \$85, kids start at \$35. Sign up online at ShardShop.com or call 850-231-0544.

ART EVENTS

THROUGH NOV. 4. LIFE'S A BEACH SHOW AND RECEPTION AT THE ART CENTER GALLERY, FORT WALTON BEACH

Check out the colorful paintings submitted in the annual *Life's a Beach* cover art competition. Reception Friday, **Nov. 4**, 6-8 p.m. More at artsdesignsociety.org.

THROUGH NOV. 20. PASTEL SOCIETY JURIED ART EXHIBIT AT MATTIE KELLY ARTS CENTER GALLERIES, NICEVILLE

The competitive exhibition, held every two years, attracts top artistic talent in the medium of soft pastels from across the United States. FREE and open to the public, with many of the works available for purchase. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays and 90 minutes prior to most Mattie Kelly Arts Center theatrical performances. For more info, call 850-729-6044 or email artgalleries@nwfsc.edu.



Emerald Coast Gallery and Gifts proprietor Jennifer Viaene's "Dot Art," which employs acrylic paint, chopsticks and wood panel board. Her artistic journey took off after she spent a year abroad in Tasmania—influenced by the local culture, she began creating and selling Aboriginal-style Dot Art in Australia.

THROUGH NOV. 30. ARTS AND DESIGN SOCIETY (ADSO) WINDOW GALLERY DISPLAY AT THE ART CENTER GALLERY, FORT WALTON BEACH

This month's spotlight is on award-winning **Marcy Eady**, who teaches children with disabilities through the VSA Artist Residency Program.



THROUGH NOV. 30. ARTIST OF THE MONTH LORI DREW AT 45 CENTRAL WINE BAR, SEASIDE

Meet the artist and enjoy light *hors d'oeuvres* **Nov. 10** from 4 to 6 p.m. More at fortyfivecentral.com.

OPENS NOV. 30. ARTIST OF THE MONTH VONNIE PETERS AT HH ARTS, FORT WALTON BEACH

Peters' new collection, "Of Mice and Men," features mice doing human behaviors. Reception Friday, **Nov. 4**, 6-8 p.m. with refreshments and music. Call 850-218-2155 for more info.

THROUGH NOV. 30. BOOKS AND ART SALE AT WALTON COUNTY COASTAL BRANCH LIBRARY, SANTA ROSA BEACH

The library teams up with local artists, who have submitted paintings depicting favorite books. Half the proceeds from the art sales will go to the library.

THROUGH NOV. 30. LINDA KERNICK EXHIBIT AT DESTIN LIBRARY

The exhibit highlights 17 of the mixed media artist's works. More at linda-artist.com.

THROUGH DEC. 27. KATHLEEN BROADERICK AT WALTON COUNTY COASTAL BRANCH LIBRARY, SANTA ROSA BEACH

Broaderick's Festival of the Arts illustration was featured on *The Beachcomber's* Oct. 20-Nov. 2 cover.



NOV. 5-11. ADSO ART WEEK AT THE ART CENTER GALLERY, FORT WALTON BEACH

Classes kick things off, and there's an Art Party Friday, **Nov. 11**, from 6 to 8 p.m. Enjoy weeklong sample classes and discover what ADSO has to offer. More at artsdesignsociety.org, or call 850-244-1271.

NOV. 14-DEC. 17. ADSO ARTS AND CRAFTS CHRISTMAS MARKET AT THE ART CENTER GALLERY, FORT WALTON BEACH

Unique gifts, including jewelry, paintings, photos and note cards created by ADSO members. Gallery hours are noon-4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 1-4 p.m. Saturdays. artsdesignsociety.org.

ART GALLERIES

ADARO ART is a new gallery with works from 2015 South Walton Artist of the Year **Juan Francisco Adaro**, as well as other well-known local and international artists. Located in the Uptown Shops of Grayton on Scenic Highway 30A next to Another Broken Egg Café. Open Tue.-Sun., 9 a.m.-5 p.m. 51-1 Uptown Grayton Circle, Grayton Beach, 561-985-5767. Email adaro.art@gmail.com for more info. www.adaro.art.com.

ARTFUL THINGS Original oils, watercolors and acrylics, as well as prints and note cards by local artists. Art classes, supplies and custom framing available. 1087 John Sims Pkwy., Niceville, 850-729-2600. www.artfulthings.net.

ARTS AND DESIGN SOCIETY Features art shows by local and regional artists. Open afternoons Tuesday through Saturday. Shows change monthly. Art classes and workshops in various media. 17 First Street SE, Fort Walton Beach. 850-244-1271. www.artsdesignsociety.org.

CARA ROY ARTWORKS Florida tropics, watercolors, posters of all kinds, note cards, original artworks and gift items. Available at Fusion Art Glass Gallery in Seaside and Grand Boulevard at Sandestin. www.cararoyartworks.com.

EMERALD COAST GALLERY & GIFTS features a plethora of one-of-a-kind paintings, handcrafted jewelry, handmade furniture, glass art, prints, home décor and gifts from over 30 local and area artists. Check online at emeraldcoastartgallery.com for classes and workshop schedules. Classes are given by gallery owners **Claire Gagne** and **Jennifer Viaene** and other featured artists in the gallery. Classes include acrylic painting, watercolor, mosaic glass and shard glass. Come on in and have some fun! Gallery is located in the McGuire's Shopping Plaza in Destin between Boca Boutique and McGuire's Sushi. 850-460-8644.

FULL CIRCLE GALLERY AND STUDIO is a contemporary and inspirational art space. We feature the works of regional artists in our gallery and offer an array of art classes with award-winning artists. We also have Paint Your Own Pottery. Come get creative with us! Located at 29B Eglin Parkway SE, Fort Walton Beach, 850-362-8041. www.fullcirclefwb.com.

G & CO. GALLERY (formerly Geana's Art Gallery) Located in City Market, Destin. An exciting art gallery and full service frame and mirror shop offering a large selection of local, regional and

international artists ranging from local photography to original fine art. Quality and value is second to none. We ship worldwide. 850-650-0779. www.GAndCoGallery.com.

HH ARTS is a new gallery offering works for sale from local artists in all mediums. There are many award-winning artists displayed in oil, acrylic, encaustic, collage, clay, handmade candles, and handmade jewelry designs in glass, leather and Victorian style. Studio space available for artists at reasonable rates. An outdoor area is also available for plein aire painting or classes, with lighting and overhead covering. The wall space facing Third Street is being offered to artists for murals. There will be classes offered for children and adults. Located 100 Beal Parkway SW, Fort Walton Beach (three blocks off 98, across from Troy University). Open Tue.-Sat., 10 a.m.-3 p.m. For more info, call 850-218-2155 and "like" HH Arts on Facebook.

MARY HONG GALLERY Located next to the Shard Shop in the Shops of Grayton. Mary Hong is the 2014 South Walton Artist of the Year and has been featured in over 10 publications, as well as on the Golf Channel's *Morning Drive Show* hosted by Matt Ginella. Mary's take on glass art incorporates the use of repurposed glass on painted canvas. She and her team offer classes at the Shard Shop located adjacent to her gallery. There is an extensive retail section full of thousands of pounds of glorious glass and art kits to take your ShardART on the go. We host parties and team events, too. Come break some glass with us! Open Mon.-Sat., 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sundays, noon-6 p.m. 26 Logan Lane, Grayton Beach. 850-231-1416. MaryHongStudio.com.

MATTIE KELLY ART GALLERIES AT NORTHWEST FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE The Arts Center Galleries at Northwest Florida State College in Niceville encompass two galleries showcasing 20 different international, national and regional exhibitions yearly, which are unique to this region. Viewing hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, 1-4 p.m. Visit www.mattiekellyartscenter.org or call 850-729-6044.

THE ZOO GALLERY Created 1979. Locally owned small business. We focus on quality, handcrafted work by hardworking artists. Our galleries showcase an eclectic range of curated artwork from all over the country, a jewelry collection like no other, plus unique clothing lines for women with soul. We keep a sense of wonder. We stand out from the herd. Located in Grayton Beach across from the Red Bar and in Grand Boulevard at Sandestin. standoutfromtheherd thezoogallery.com

CALL TO ARTISTS

"Yule of Yesteryear—A Traditional Christmas Festival," to be held **Dec. 10** at the Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida in Valparaiso. Seeking arts and craft vendors with quality, handcrafted, original items. Register at heritage-museum.org. Call 850-678-2615 or email info@heritage-museum.org for more info.

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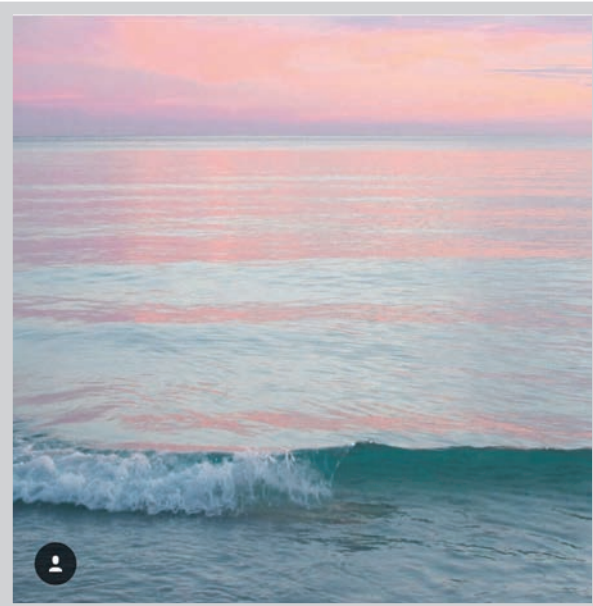
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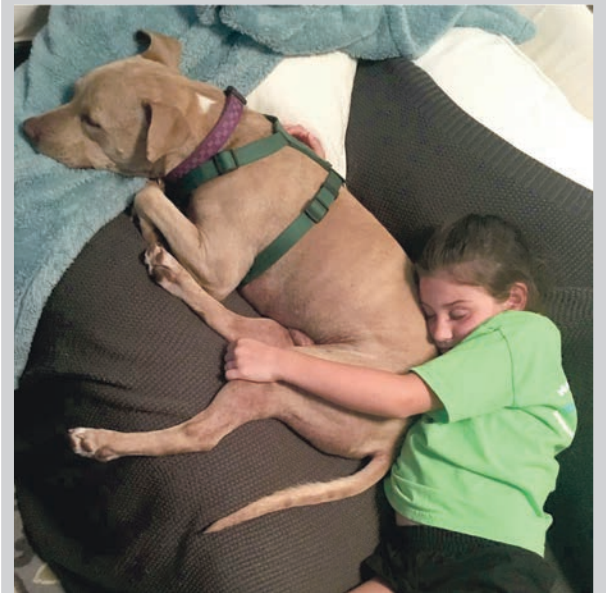
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With a new baby in the house,
this four-legger is clamoring
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cuddling back.



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Professional drinkers enjoy
the Baytowne Beer Fest
in Sandestin.



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Kate McRae Comes Home



Photo from Instagram @kmcraemusic.

By Nikki Hedrick

“I just love this area,” shares singer-songwriter **Kate McRae**. “There is something that really speaks to me, and there are a lot of peaceful people who are really awesome here.

“We do travel all over the country, but I get down here as much as I can.”

The young McRae first found herself in the area as many do—while on vacation. Those family vacations turned into opportunities to meet area musicians and scope out venues. The goal became “to build a fan base and lay some ground work so we can be there as much as we can and have some really fun shows come out of it.”

That is a goal that McRae and her band are achieving—playing regularly enough, it’s easy to assume she is a fulltime local.

McRae grew up in East Texas “in a family that loved music but didn’t do it as a profession. My dad played music at church, and I’d always get up and sing with him and play piano some. I grew up doing that, and it was one of those things that I absolutely loved to do. I’ve been writing, playing and singing for as long as I can remember.

“When it became time to decide what I wanted to do with my life and what I wanted to major in at college, I couldn’t think of anything else that I would be really, really happy doing besides music”

Moving to Nashville and studying at Belmont University, McRae quickly found herself playing with a full band and releasing albums.

She describes her sound as “more of a bluesy country, but we get a little bit of rock in there, too. It’s kind of hard, as I don’t feel like I really fit into one genre of country music. We try to pull in all the influences. But there is definitely a little red dirt in there, because I’m from Texas.”

More than anything, McRae hopes her music connects with people. “I had a song I wrote, I must have been 16 or 17. It was called ‘Come Home’. I wrote it for the troops overseas (about) how hard it must be for their spouses and

family left at home. I remember the first time I played it live, and someone was there and their spouse was overseas, and I remember the look on their face. They came over after and told me their story, and that’s when I really knew how powerful and amazing it was to be a songwriter.

“I couldn’t live with not doing it. It’s an incredible feeling.”

From shooting a new music video, working on a new album (due out next year), picking up gigs across the state, and going to the Grammys to root for her friends, McRae is working towards her aspirations in big ways.

Discover more at katemcrae.com.

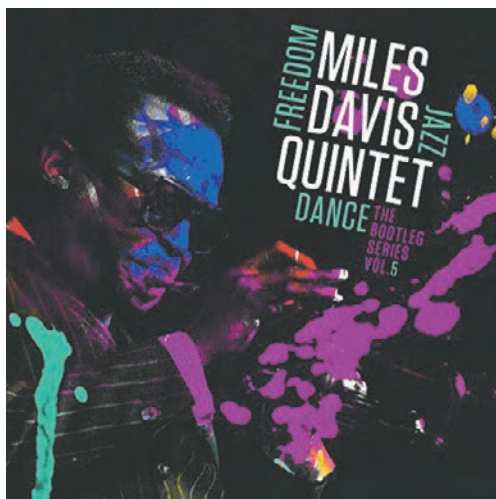
Music > The Beachcomber's Record Roundup

Musicians - send your CDs, vinyl and/or cassettes to The Beachcomber, P.O. Box 5707, Destin, FL 32540-5707. Email MP3s and streaming links to chris@beachcomberdestin.com.

Miles Davis Quintet

Freedom Jazz Dance: The Bootleg Series Vol. 5

Columbia/Legacy



Davis recorded a tremendous amount of music. Judging from the annual issues of bootleg records, “lost” sessions and assorted curios, we may never come to the end of him. *Freedom Jazz Dance* is part album, part artifact, with a touch of theater. Master takes are paired with the session reel for the same tune. There’s classic stuff here—“Nefertiti,” “Water Babies,” “Masqualero,” and others. Some tracks are marked “explicit,” and it’s not for the vocals. Jazz students will enjoy the exchanges on keys, interpretation and shoptalk. Miles even offers to grill Wayne Shorter a steak.

- Bruce Collier

Thomas Hendon

Self-Titled

Independent



Tallahassee singer-songwriter offers minimalist acoustic songs while packing a lot of emotion into his voice. Traveling the road of limited studio interference, Hendon’s bare bones approach is a welcome frame for these eloquent folk songs. This eight-song mostly voice-and-guitar debut is an impressive addition to our music scene.

- Nikki Hedrick

Marcus King Band

Self-Titled

Concord Music Group

The Marcus King Band finds a more soulful, vocal-centric sound on their latest, but it’s still a sophisticated blend of rootsy goodness. Perhaps best



labeled southern rock with a New Orleans twist, this hybrid (from jazzy brass to country slide guitar) is a prime example of how to take a ton of ideas and skillfully wrap them into a single album.

- Nikki Hedrick

Kings of Leon

Walls

RCA



Maybe it’s because wasn’t expecting much after all the negative reviews. Or maybe it’s because I first heard *Walls* in its entirety on a super stressful day and its many soothing, lyrically rich ballads were like taking an audio Xanax. Whatever it was, I liked it. But since its release, KOL continue to get slammed for losing their “edginess.” Fools say what? Tobacco is edgy. So is MGMT. But KOL? They’re a fresh spin on good ol’ Southern rock ‘n’ roll. Despite a heaping helping of slow-simmering songs (“Conversation Piece,” the title track), I see it as KOL staying true to their Southern roots, not diverging. Besides, if the heavy airplay given “Waste A Moment” is any indication, KOL is gonna stay on top no matter what the jaded critics say.

- Joni Williams

Takuya Kuroda

Zigzagger

Concord

Zigzagger is Japanese-born, Berklee-educated jazz trumpeter Kuroda’s fifth album and his first for Concord. Kuroda is known for his versatility and restless penchant for forging connections among various musical styles. A while back I reviewed his *Rising Son*, which offered a mix of hip-hop and Afro-Cuban fare. *Zigzagger* moves away from that, with slow, sweet, lyrical horn passages suspended over



shimmering rhythms and electronic grooves. There’s still some good old swagger-and-stroll funk, too (“Thirteen”), the occasional space-lounge tinkle, and careful, introverted and bluesy solos (“Little Words”). Kuroda may be zigzagging, but he seems pretty relaxed and deliberate about it.

- Bruce Collier

Meshuggah

The Violent Sleep of Reason

Nuclear Blast



If you like them, you’ll likely love this album. If you don’t—well, why are you listening to them? If you haven’t listened before, Meshuggah is heavy yet artful, a jazz band that plays in metal tones. The album is irresistible and deserves every accolade being hurled its way.

- Nikki Hedrick

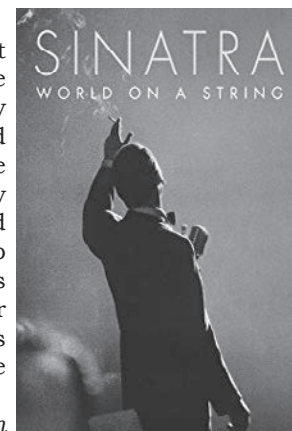
Frank Sinatra

World on a String

Capitol

Nearly five hours of concert recordings from around the world—spanning the early ‘50s through 1982—and that’s not including the bonus DVD, which Spotify didn’t feel compelled to make available. To Sinatra’s credit, he sounds just as good on the later shows, the older tunes having become part of the man’s DNA by that point.

- Chris Manson



Talkin' Bob Dylan – Ed Wrann on the Maestro



I grew up in a musical family, a *big* musical family. I am one of 15 children. I was born and raised on Long Island, New York through the early '60s.

When my father died, I was moved around most of the New England states to live with older siblings. I made it as far west as the Black Hills of South Dakota and south to Gulf Breeze.

My grandmother was a concert pianist, and her daughter—my mother—was always proud of the fact she could not only play the piano but also had perfect pitch. Most of her sons—my brothers—either picked up the ability to play an instrument or at least to categorize music.

I was raised in the era of the British invasion—the Beatles, Rolling Stones, Yardbirds, the Who, Kinks, etc. I also knew my American roots—the Beach Boys, Jan and Dean, the Doors, the Grateful Dead and Jimi Hendrix, with some R&B thrown in from Ray Charles, Sam Cooke, James Brown and Aretha

Franklin. Songs mostly talking about surfing, peace and love, broken hearts, tripping, and dancing the night away.

The one voice that came out of the fog, during the decade of an unpopular war, an assassinated president, the peace movement and free love was Bob Dylan. Dylan has been called many things—a prophet, a joker, a historian, a shaman, a song and dance man—but the one I love is the “Poet Bard.” It is a Shakespearean twist for a modern day voice of a dying generation, a generation that sadly needs to pass this irreplaceable torch to the next one and the one after that.

I sing Dylan’s songs to my grandchildren whenever I can. This year is Dylan’s 75th birthday, and he has just been granted the honor of the Nobel Prize in Literature.

The first Dylan concert I enjoyed was in 1975—the Rolling Thunder Revue, with Joan Baez, Roger

McGuinn, Mick Ronson, T-Bone Burnett, Arlo Guthrie and many others. The last was in Pensacola a couple of years ago. I have seen several concerts in between.

I always talk Dylan to my musician friends. Some folks just flat out hate Dylan, some can’t take his voice. But to me, seeing this man is like an audience with the Pope. You may not understand he’s saying, but does it really matter? It’s the Pope!

Our upcoming “Tribute To Bob Dylan” show will be at **30A Songwriter Radio** in Santa Rosa Beach Monday, **Nov. 7**, from 7 to 9 p.m. We invite everyone who loves Dylan to come on by and enjoy the music. Guest players include **Dru Carter, Mose Wilson, Ricky Stanfield and Ronnie McBrayer, Dino Lourdi, Mark Lassen, Ron Stanley** and myself.

Special thanks to **Josette Rhodes** and **Shannon Ireland** for hosting this special event. See you there!

Live Music

Musicians and venues: Email chris@beachcomberdestin.com to have your gigs listed here.

THURSDAY, NOV. 3

THE BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin
RUSTY HAMMERSTROM, 4 p.m.
AUSTIN JENNINGS, 8 p.m.

CAPT. DAVE’S ON THE GULF, Miramar Beach, 850-837-2627
BRANDON DAY, 5-9 p.m.

CUVEE BISTRO, Destin
SPACE JUNKIE, 8 p.m.

THE DOWN UNDER BAR AT FUDPUCKER’S, Destin, www.fudpucker.com
Karaoke with TIM AND RUSTY, 7 p.m. til...

HOG’S BREATH, Destin, www.hogsbreath.com/destin
BRYAN BLUDWORTH, 5-9 p.m.

THE HUB 30A, Santa Rosa Beach
RUST AND GOLD, 6-9 p.m.
Neil Young tribute band.

LA PLAYA, Santa Rosa Beach
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 7-10 p.m.
Ladies Night

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, www.lulubuffett.com/destin
HOWLIN’ JACK, 5 p.m.

McGUIRE’S IRISH PUB, Destin, www.mcguiresirishpub.com
PETE O’DEA, 8 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, www.RuthChrisDestin.com
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.

SALTWATER GRILL, Panama City Beach, www.saltwatergrillpcb.com
MICHAEL RORAH

SEAGAR’S, Sandestin, www.SeagarsDestin.com
RAY HITCHELL, 6-9 p.m.

30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach, www.30asongwriterradio.com
Thursday Night Local Vocal, 7-9 p.m.

FRIDAY, NOV. 4

BEAU RIVAGE THEATRE, Biloxi, MS
PATTI LABELLE, 8 p.m.

THE BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin
KELLY BYRD, 4 p.m.
JASON CLARK, 7 p.m.

BRIC A BRAC, Destin
JONES & COMPANY

CUVEE DESTIN, Destin
SPACE JUNKIE, 8 p.m.

FOKKER’S PUB, Fort Walton Beach, 850-244-6666
JORDAN BALLANTYNE, 6-10 p.m.

GREATER GULF COAST ARTS FESTIVAL, Pensacola
JONATHAN BYRD

GULF PLACE, Santa Rosa Beach
CASEY KEARNEY, 4 p.m.

HARD ROCK HOTEL & CASINO, Biloxi, MS
RICK SPRINGFIELD, 8 p.m. (\$29.99 and up)

HELEN BACK, Crestview
GRAPE DRINK

HOG’S BREATH, Destin, www.hogsbreath.com/destin
JIM COUCH, 5-9 p.m.
JACOB MOHR BAND, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

IP CASINO RESORT & SPA, Biloxi, MS
LOU GRAMM – FOGHAT, 8 p.m. (\$39 and up)

LAGERHEADS, Navarre Beach
BT TURNER, 6 p.m.

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, www.lulubuffett.com/destin
ADAM HOLT, 5 p.m.

McGUIRE’S IRISH PUB, Destin, www.mcguiresirishpub.com
PETE O’DEA, 8 p.m.

MODICA MARKET, Seaside, www.modicamarket.com
THE STEENOS, 5-7 p.m.

THE PERFECT PIG, Santa Rosa Beach
KATE McRAE, 6 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, www.RuthChrisDestin.com
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.

SALTWATER GRILL, Panama City Beach, www.saltwatergrillpcb.com
MICHAEL RORAH

THE SAND BAR AT SILVER SHELLS, Destin
THE LAGOONS, 5-9 p.m.

SEAGAR’S, Sandestin, www.SeagarsDestin.com
RAY HITCHELL, 6-10 p.m.

STEAMBOAT BAR & GRILL, Santa Rosa beach
MARI GLEASON, 7 p.m.

30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach, www.30asongwriterradio.com
Friday Night Originals, 7-9 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOV. 5

THE BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin
RUSTY HAMMERSTROM, 4 p.m.
GUNNER, 8:30 p.m.

BRIC A BRAC, Destin
COCONUT RADIO, 6 p.m.

CLUB LA, Destin
THE PRETTY RECKLESS, 8 p.m.

CUVEE DESTIN, Destin
SPACE JUNKIE, 8 p.m.

DOC’S OYSTER BAR & GRILL, Valparaiso
BT TURNER, 7 p.m.

GREATER GULF COAST ARTS FESTIVAL, Pensacola
JONATHAN BYRD

GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton Beach
A SUNDAY FIRE – JOSH SEDOR, 8 p.m.

HARBORWALK VILLAGE, Destin, www.HarborWalkDestin.com
CROWNED JEWELZ
Blues, Brews & BBQ event from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

IMOGENE THEATRE, Milton
DUSTY SANDERSON BAND, 6:30-9 p.m.

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin, www.lulubuffett.com/destin
LEFTY COLLINS, 5 p.m.

McGUIRE’S IRISH PUB, Destin, www.mcguiresirishpub.com
PETE O’DEA, 8 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, www.RuthChrisDestin.com
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.

SALTWATER GRILL, Panama City Beach, www.saltwatergrillpcb.com
MICHAEL RORAH

SEAGAR’S, Sandestin, www.SeagarsDestin.com
RAY HITCHELL, 6-10 p.m.

SEEING RED WINE FESTIVAL, Seaside, www.seasidefl.com
MARC HARRIS & MOJO RISING, 1 p.m.

VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola
PERPETUAL GROOVE

SUNDAY, NOV. 6

AJ’S, Destin
JONES & COMPANY, 4-8 p.m.

THE BAY, Santa Rosa Beach
MIKE WHITTY & FRIENDS, 2-6 p.m.
Sunday Pickin’—all local musicians invited to jam.

THE BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin
KELLY BYRD, 3 p.m.
RUSTY HAMMERSTROM, 6 p.m.

BOSHAMPS, Destin
CONTINUUM, 3 p.m.

FROG POND AT BLUE MOON FARM, Silverhill, AL
COLIN LAKE – GRAYSON CAPPS
Frog Pond Sunday Social

GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton Beach
Open Mic Night, 8 p.m.

HARRY T’S LIGHTHOUSE, HarborWalk Village
Karaoke, 8 p.m.-Midnight

LOCAL CATCH, Santa Rosa Beach
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 4-7 p.m.
Sunday Funday

UPCOMING MUSIC RELEASES

NOV. 4

Ryan Adams, *TBA*
American Wrestlers, *Goodbye Terrible Youth*
The Blind Boys of Alabama, *Go Tell It on the Mountain* and *Atom Bomb (Expanded Reissues)*
Bon Jovi, *This House Is Not for Sale*
Kenny Burrell and the Los Angeles Jazz Orchestra Unlimited, *Unlimited 1: Live at Catalina’s*
Eric Church, *Mr. Misunderstood on the Rocks – Live and (Mostly) Unplugged* (Walmart Exclusive)
Common, *Black America Again*
Bob Dylan, *Blood in My Eye: Legendary FM Broadcast, NY 1993*
Bob Dylan, *Woodstock 1994: Saugerites, New York Broadcast – 14 August 1994*
Lee Fields & the Expressions, *Special Night*
Mitch Hedberg, *The Complete Vinyl Collection* (4-LP Box Set with Bonus Videos, Book, etc.)
Jim James, *Eternally Even*
The Kentucky Headhunters, *On Safari*
Alicia Keys, *HERE*
Stevie Nicks, *Bella Donna (Deluxe Edition)* and *The Wild Heart (Deluxe Edition)*
Laura Pausini, *Laura Navidad*
The Chris Robinson Brotherhood, *If You Lived Here, You’d Be Home by Now*
Rossington, *Take It on Faith*
Hope Sandoval & the Warm Inventions, *Until the Hunter*
Frank Zappa, *Chicago ’78, Little Dots* and *Meat Light: The Uncle Meat Project/ Object*

NOV. 11

Animals as Leaders, *The Madness of Many*
Joan Armatrading, *Me Myself I World Tour* (Also on DVD)
The Band, et.al., *The Last Waltz (40th Anniversary Deluxe Edition)* (Also on Vinyl)
Black Sabbath, *Paranoid (Super Deluxe)* (4-CD + Book)
Body/Head (Kim Gordon and Bill Nace), *No Waves*
Garth Brooks and Trisha Yearwood, *Christmas Together*
Ronnie Dunn, *Tattooed Heart*
Bob Dylan, *The 1966 Live Recordings* (36-CD [!] Box Set)
Enigma, *The Fall of a Rebel Angel*
Cory Hanson, *The Unborn Capitalist from Limbo* (Also on Vinyl)
Ty Herndon, *House on Fire*
Joey+Rory, *To Joey, with Love (Original Movie Soundtrack)*
Cletus T. Judd, *Things I Remember Before I Forget*
Paul Kelly & Charlie Owen, *Death’s Dateless Night*
Ennio Morricone, *Morricone 60*
The Neal Morse Band, *The Similitude of a Dream*
NRBQ, *Discover NRBQ: 50 Years* (5-CD Box Set Retrospective)
Leslie Odom Jr., *Simply Christmas*
Robbie Robertson, *Testimony*
Sting, *57th & 9th* (Also on Vinyl)
The Life and Songs of Emmylou Harris: An All-Star Concert Celebration (Also on DVD, Blu-ray)
With Kris Kristofferson, Sheryl Crow, Alison Krauss, Mary-Chapin Carpenter and more.

Sources: pauseandplay.com, allmusic.com

Live Music

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin,
www.lulubuffett.com/destin
ALBERT SIMPSON, 5 p.m.

McGUIRE'S IRISH PUB, Destin,
www.mcguiresirishpub.com
PETE O'DEA, 7 p.m.

NATIONAL PEANUT FESTIVAL, Dothan, AL
OLD DOMINION, 7:30 p.m.
More at nationalpeanutfestival.com.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach,
850-231-1008
DREAD CLAMPITT, Noon-3 p.m. and 7-10 p.m.

STINKY'S FISH CAMP, Santa Rosa Beach
THE STEENOS with FRANKO "WASHBOARD"
JACKSON, 11 a.m.

MONDAY, NOV. 7

THE BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin
JAY WERNE, 7 p.m.

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin,
www.lulubuffett.com/destin
TBA, 5 p.m.

McGUIRE'S IRISH PUB, Destin,
www.mcguiresirishpub.com
PETE O'DEA, 7 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach,
850-231-1008
DREAD CLAMPITT, 7-10 p.m.

30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE,
Santa Rosa Beach, www.30asongwriterradio.com
ED WRANN & FRIENDS
A tribute to Bob Dylan. Local musicians welcome to join in. John Hoormann, clear your calendar.

TUESDAY, NOV. 8

HOG'S BREATH, Destin,
www.hogsbreath.com/destin
BRANDON DAY, 5-9 p.m.

LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin,
www.lulubuffett.com/destin
HOWLIN' JACK, 5 p.m.

Live Music Review

Mother's Finest

Panama City Beach

Seeing live music has many gifts. One of them is stepping out and witnessing history in the making.

Mother's Finest formed in 1970. They have toured the world over with every band you can imagine, released over a dozen albums, and have been featured by the Smithsonian for their impact on music and pop culture.

Last month, they performed to a crowd of bikers as part of the semiannual Bike Week at Lucky 13, a pop-up club along Panama City Beach's Front Beach Road.

Mother's Finest is a musician's band—if you have dug into the genres of funk and '70s rock, you are likely a fan. The band members have made appearances on everything from Stevie Nicks tours to albums by southern rock mainstays like Blackfoot and Molly Hatchet.

Unlike many of Mother's Finest contemporaries, this band has most of its original lineup intact. It has been announced, however, that the remaining tour dates are the final ones for Joyce "Baby Jean" Kennedy, half of the vocal duo that drives their soulful funky sound.

Kennedy isn't retiring from music as a whole. She's been



Photo by Nikki Hedrick.

quoted as saying she's cutting back on touring to focus on studio projects and select concerts as opposed to the whirlwind of multi-date touring. There is also hope that Mother's Finest will live on as the dust settles. Forty-six years is a mighty long legacy for a band to walk away from.

Mother's Finest changed the face of music and helped usher in the funk movement as a whole. They ooze energy and a

celebration of music. It's music they feel, and you feel it with them.

To Jerry "Wyzard" Seay, Gary "Moses Mo" Moore, John "Red Devil" Hayes, Dion Derek Murdock, Glenn "Doc" Murdock, and Joyce "Baby Jean" Kennedy—it was an honor to finally see you live. Thank you for bringing something mighty special and letting us all celebrate your music for a night in Panama City Beach.

- Nikki Hedrick

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Upcoming Events

Nov 3rd: Karaoke with Tim & Rusty 7pm
Nov 4th: HappyHour w/Ryan Frederick Stroud 6:30pm
Nov 5th: Ladies Night with DJ Serpent 9pm
Nov 8th: Service Industry Night 7pm til..
Nov 9th: Open Mic Night for Musicians 7pm til..
Nov 10th: Downbeat Jazz Orchestra 7pm-9pm
Nov 10th: Karaoke with Tim & Rusty 9pm
Nov 11th: HappyHour w/Ryan Frederick Stroud 6:30pm
Nov 11th: Veterans Day Party 9pm
Nov 12th: Ladies Night with DJ Serpent 9pm
Nov 15th: Service Industry Night 7pm til..
Nov 16th: Open Mic Night for Musicians 7pm til..

\$5 Cocktails + \$3 Domestics 9pm - close

McGUIRE’S IRISH PUB, Destin,
www.mcguiresirishpub.com
PETE O’DEA, 7 p.m.

NATIONAL PEANUT FESTIVAL, Dothan, AL
CHASE BRYANT, 7:30 p.m.
More at [nationalpeanutfestival.com](#).

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach,
850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin,
www.RuthChrisDestin.com
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.

SALTWATER GRILL, Panama City Beach,
www.saltwatergrillpcb.com
MICHAEL RORAH

SEAGAR’S, Sandestin,
www.SeagarsDestin.com
RAY HITCHELL, 6-9 p.m.

30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach,
www.30asongwriterradio.com
Open Mic Live, 7-10 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 9

CAPT. DAVE’S ON THE GULF, Miramar Beach, 850-837-2627
BRANDON DAY, 5-9 p.m.

CUVEE DESTIN, Destin
SPACE JUNKIE, 8 p.m.

THE DOWN UNDER BAR AT FUDPUCKER’S, Destin, www.fudpucker.com
Open Mic Night

FOKKER’S PUB, Fort Walton Beach, 850-244-6666
PARADISE BAYOU, 6-10 p.m.

GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton Beach
Wailin’ Blues Wednesdays Starring FINGA FAYA, 8 p.m.

HOG’S BREATH, Destin,
www.hogsbreath.com/destin
AUSTIN JENNINGS, 5-9 p.m.

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin,
www.lulubuffett.com/destin
TBA, 5 p.m.

McGUIRE’S IRISH PUB, Destin,
www.mcguiresirishpub.com
PETE O’DEA, 7 p.m.

NATIONAL PEANUT FESTIVAL, Dothan, AL
DUSTIN LYNCH, 7:30 p.m.
More at [nationalpeanutfestival.com](#).

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach,
850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin,
www.RuthChrisDestin.com
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.
JONES & COMPANY (Courtyard), 6-9 p.m.

SALTWATER GRILL, Panama City Beach,
www.saltwatergrillpcb.com
MICHAEL RORAH

SEAGAR’S, Sandestin,
www.SeagarsDestin.com
RAY HITCHELL, 6-9 p.m.

30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach,
www.30asongwriterradio.com
TED ROCKET Radio Program, 7-8 p.m.

THURSDAY, NOV. 10

AJ’S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island
BT TURNER, 6 p.m.

THE BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin
RUSTY HAMMERSTROM, 4 p.m.
AUSTIN JENNINGS, 8 p.m.

CAPT. DAVE’S ON THE GULF, Miramar Beach, 850-837-2627
BRANDON DAY, 5-9 p.m.

CUVEE DESTIN, Destin
SPACE JUNKIE, 8 p.m.

THE DOWN UNDER BAR AT FUDPUCKER’S, Destin, www.fudpucker.com
THE DOWNBEAT JAZZ ORCHESTRA, 7-9 p.m.
Karaoke with TIM AND RUSTY, 9 p.m.

HOG’S BREATH, Destin,
www.hogsbreath.com/destin
BRYAN BLUDWORTH, 5-9 p.m.

LA PLAYA, Santa Rosa Beach
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 7-10 p.m.
Ladies Night

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin,
www.lulubuffett.com/destin
HOWLIN’ JACK, 5 p.m.

McGUIRE’S IRISH PUB, Destin,
www.mcguiresirishpub.com
PETE O’DEA, 7 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

THE REP THEATRE, Seaside, www.lovetherep.com
JEFF BLACK, 7:30 p.m.

RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin,
www.RuthChrisDestin.com
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.

SALTWATER GRILL, Panama City Beach,
www.saltwatergrillpcb.com
MICHAEL RORAH

SEAGAR’S, Sandestin,
www.SeagarsDestin.com
RAY HITCHELL, 6-9 p.m.

30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach,
www.30asongwriterradio.com
Thursday Night Local Vocal, 7-9 p.m.

FRIDAY, NOV. 11

THE BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin
KELLY BYRD, 4 p.m.
JASON CLARK, 7 p.m.

BRIC A BRAC, Destin
JONES & COMPANY

CLUB LA, Destin
HELLYEAH – DAYBREAK EMBRACE, 8 p.m.

CUVEE DESTIN, Destin
SPACE JUNKIE, 8 p.m.

EAST RIVER SMOKEHOUSE, Navarre
ROBERT WAYNE & THE BOYS, 7 p.m.

FOKKER’S PUB, Fort Walton Beach, 850-244-6666
JORDAN BALLANTYNE, 6-10 p.m.

FRANK BROWN SONGWRITERS FESTIVAL, Gulf Shores, AL
BOBBY TOMBERLIN, NIKKI TALLEY, KEN JOHNSON, ANDI ZACK-JOHNSON, MELISSA JOINER, et.al.
More info at [frankbrownsongwriters.com](#).

GROWLER GARAGE, Santa Rosa Beach
FULTON MUSIC, 5 p.m.

HOG’S BREATH, Destin,
www.hogsbreath.com/destin
JIM COUCH, 5-9 p.m.
CADILLAC WILLY, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

IP CASINO RESORT & SPA, Biloxi, MS
JOSH TURNER, 8 p.m. (\$40 and up)

LAGERHEADS, Navarre Beach
BT TURNER, 6 p.m.

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin,
www.lulubuffett.com/destin
ADAM HOLT, 5 p.m.

MATTIE KELLY ARTS CENTER, Niceville
JERRY SEINFELD, 7 p.m.

McGUIRE’S IRISH PUB, Destin,
www.mcguiresirishpub.com
PETE O’DEA, 7 p.m.

MODICA MARKET, Seaside,
www.modicamarket.com
THE STEENOS, 5-7 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin,
www.RuthChrisDestin.com
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.

SALTWATER GRILL, Panama City Beach,
www.saltwatergrillpcb.com
MICHAEL RORAH

SEAGAR’S, Sandestin,
www.SeagarsDestin.com
RAY HITCHELL, 6-10 p.m.

30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach,
www.30asongwriterradio.com
Friday Night Originals, 7-9 p.m.

WILLIAMS BACKYARD BOOGIE, Santa Rosa Beach
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND – THE KRICKETS, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOV. 12

AJ’S OYSTER SHANTY, Okaloosa Island
HERITAGE, 3 p.m.

BAYFEST, Freeport
SHANE OWENS BAND, 5 p.m.

THE BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin
RUSTY HAMMERSTROM, 4 p.m.
GUNNER, 8:30 p.m.

BRIC A BRAC, Destin
COCONUT RADIO, 6 p.m.

CUVEE DESTIN, Destin
SPACE JUNKIE, 8 p.m.

DOWNTOWN FORT WALTON BEACH
Ugly Fest with NIK FLAGSTAR & THE DIRTY MANGY DOGS, THE HILLBILLY CASINO, SCARS & STRIPES, DESTROY ORBISON, X-RAY VISION and Tons More, Noon-Midnight
A benefit for Shelter House. Tickets are 15 bucks day of event.

FRANK BROWN SONGWRITERS FESTIVAL, Gulf Shores, AL
BOBBY TOMBERLIN, DANNY MYRICK, SUZI RAGSDALE, THOM SCHUYLER, MICHEAL SMOTHERMAN, NIKKI TALLEY, BRIDGETTE TATUM, SONNY THROCKMORTON, ANDI ZACK-JOHNSON, et.al.
More info at [frankbrownsongwriters.com](#).

IMOGENE THEATRE, Milton
JOHN HART PROJECT, 6-9 p.m.

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin,
www.lulubuffett.com/destin
WILL & LINDA PLEASANTS, 5 p.m.

McGUIRE’S IRISH PUB, Destin,
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PETE O’DEA, 7 p.m.

OLD FLORIDA FISH HOUSE, Seagrove Beach
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 7 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin,
www.RuthChrisDestin.com
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.

SALTWATER GRILL, Panama City Beach,
www.saltwatergrillpcb.com
MICHAEL RORAH

SEAGAR’S, Sandestin,
www.SeagarsDestin.com
RAY HITCHELL, 6-10 p.m.

SUNDAY, NOV. 13

AJ’S, Destin
JONES & COMPANY, 4-8 p.m.

THE BAY, Santa Rosa Beach
MIKE WHITTY & FRIENDS, 2-6 p.m.
Sunday Pickin’—all local musicians invited to jam.

THE BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin
KELLY BYRD, 3 p.m.
RUSTY HAMMERSTROM, 6 p.m.

BOSHAMPS, Destin
CONTINUUM, 3 p.m.

FRANK BROWN SONGWRITERS FESTIVAL, Gulf Shores, AL
BOBBY TOMBERLIN, TONY ARATA, BRUCE CHANNEL, LEFTY COLLINS, DEAN DILLON, MATT HOGGATT, KEN JOHNSON, MELISSA JOINER, BILL LaBOUNTY, EARL “PEANUT” MONTGOMERY, et.al.
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GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton Beach
Open Mic Night, 8 p.m.

HARRY T’S LIGHTHOUSE, HarborWalk Village
Karaoke, 8 p.m.-Midnight

LOCAL CATCH, Santa Rosa Beach
FORREST WILLIAMS BAND, 4-7 p.m.
Sunday Funday

Live Music

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin,
www.lulubuffett.com/destin
COCONUT RADIO, 5 p.m.

McGUIRE’S IRISH PUB, Destin,
www.mcguiresirishpub.com
PETE O’DEA, 7 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
DREAD CLAMPITT, Noon-3 p.m. and 7-10 p.m.

STINKY’S FISH CAMP, Santa Rosa Beach
THE STEENOS with FRANKO “WASHBOARD” JACKSON, 11 a.m.

MONDAY, NOV. 14

THE BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin
JAY WERNE, 7 p.m.

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin,
www.lulubuffett.com/destin
JUSTIN YAWN, 5 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
DREAD CLAMPITT, 7-10 p.m.

TUESDAY, NOV. 15

HOG’S BREATH, Destin,
www.hogsbreath.com/destin
BRANDON DAY, 5-9 p.m.

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin,
www.lulubuffett.com/destin
HOWLIN’ JACK, 5 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin,
www.RuthChrisDestin.com
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.

SALTWATER GRILL, Panama City Beach,
www.saltwatergrillpcb.com
MICHAEL RORAH

SEAGAR’S, Sandestin,
www.SeagarsDestin.com
RAY HITCHELL, 6-9 p.m.

30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach,
www.30asongwriterradio.com
Open Mic Live, 7-10 p.m.

VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola
LEON RUSSELL

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 16

CAPT. DAVE’S ON THE GULF, Miramar Beach, 850-837-2627
BRANDON DAY, 5-9 p.m.

CUVEE DESTIN, Destin
SPACE JUNKIE, 8 p.m.

THE DOWN UNDER BAR AT FUDPUCKER’S, Destin, www.fudpucker.com
Open Mic Night

FOKKER’S PUB, Fort Walton Beach, 850-244-6666
PARADISE BAYOU, 6-10 p.m.

GREEN DOOR MUSIC HALL, Fort Walton Beach

Wailin’ Blues Wednesdays Starring FINGA FAYA, 8 p.m.

HOG’S BREATH, Destin,
www.hogsbreath.com/destin
AUSTIN JENNINGS, 5-9 p.m.

LUCY BUFFETT’S LULU’S, Destin,
www.lulubuffett.com/destin
BT TURNER, 5 p.m.

McGUIRE’S IRISH PUB, Destin,
www.mcguiresirishpub.com
RICH McDUFF, 8:55 p.m.

THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

RUTH’S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin,
www.RuthChrisDestin.com
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.
JONES & COMPANY, 6-9 p.m. (Courtyard)

SALTWATER GRILL, Panama City Beach,
www.saltwatergrillpcb.com
MICHAEL RORAH

SEAGAR’S, Sandestin,
www.SeagarsDestin.com
RAY HITCHELL, 6-9 p.m.

30A SONGWRITER MUSIC AND COFFEE, Santa Rosa Beach, www.30asongwriterradio.com
TED ROCKET Radio Program, 7-8 p.m.

VINYL MUSIC HALL, Pensacola
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Folked-up Prog Rock
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Events

All information is subject to change. Please refer to the contact numbers and/or emails/web sites for up-to-the-minute details. Send us your Nov. 17-30 events by noon Friday, **Nov. 11**, or they will not be in our next issue. Please submit events in the format used here. Photos welcome. Email chris@beachcomberdestin.com.

THURSDAY, NOV. 3- SUNDAY, NOV. 6

TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SEEING RED WINE FESTIVAL

Seaside, Various Times and Locations
www.seeingredwinefestival.com



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THURSDAY, NOV. 3- FRIDAY, FEB. 10, 2017

BAYTOWNE ON ICE

The Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin
www.baytownewharf.com
Dust off your skates and get into the winter spirit.

THURSDAY, NOV. 3

SEVENTH ANNUAL SAVOR THE SEASON

Caliza, Alys Beach, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

thfsavortheseason.org

The **Taylor Haugen Foundation** presents an evening of exceptional hand-selected wines paired with delicious eats from area chefs. Plus—live music from **Michael J Thomas**, live and silent auctions.

FRIDAY, NOV. 4

DOWNTOWN ARTS NIGHT

Downtown DeFuniak Springs, 5-9 p.m.
850-496-5043

Over 50 artists and craftspeople are expected to attend this new event.

NICK PAYNE'S "CONSTELLATIONS"

Grand Boulevard at Sandestin, 7:30 p.m.

emeraldcoasttheatre.org

The two-character drama questions the boundaries of our world. Contains profanity. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors, and \$15 for students, plus \$2 facility fee.

NOT-SO-FAMILY COMEDY IMPROV SHOW

Grand Boulevard at Sandestin, 9:30 p.m.

emeraldcoasttheatre.org

ST. SIMON'S HOLIDAY ARTS AND CRAFT FAIR

St. Simon's on the Sound Episcopal Church, Fort Walton Beach, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

FRIDAY, NOV. 4- SATURDAY, NOV. 5

MOUNTAINFILM ON TOUR

WaterColor Inn & Resort, Santa Rosa Beach, Starts Friday at 6 p.m.

mountainfilmfl.com

Two days of extraordinary films created to inspire courage, thought and empathy. Bring



Destin Commons' Coins for a Cause parking meter initiative donates a cool 10 grand to Sinfonia Gulf Coast. From left—Heather Ruiz and Michelle Sanchez of Destin Commons, and Sinfonia's Elaine Tucker.

Photo submitted by Kay Phelan.

Events

blankets or low-back chairs and enjoy some remarkable stories against South Walton’s starry backdrop. Festival fare, wine and beer will be available for purchase—no outside food, beverage or coolers permitted.

FRIDAY, NOV. 4- SUNDAY, NOV. 6

TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL THUNDERBIRD INTERTRIBAL POWWOW
Twin Oaks Park, Niceville, Starting at 9 a.m. Friday
thunderbirdpowwow.org
Dance exhibitions, kids’ activities and more. Call 850-863-5311 or 678-7714 for more info.

SATURDAY, NOV. 5

BLUES, BREWS & BBQ
HarborWalk Village, Destin, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
bluesbrewsbbqdestin.eventbrite.com



Hot BBQ! Cold brews! Live entertainment from **Crowned Jewelz** and **The Modern Eldorados!** Join area restaurants as they engage in a spirited and fun competition. Prizes for Best Traditional, Best Seafood, Most Original and People’s Choice. Tickets are \$25 in advance, \$30 day of event (\$15 and \$20 for under 21s). Discounts for military and first responders. VIP tickets available.

THE CALLING CHRISTIAN DANCE COMPANY
Crosspoint, Niceville, 4:30 p.m.
TheCallingDanceCompany.org
“Blessings in Abundance” features the junior and senior companies and a sneak peek at the original production *Coming Home*, to be presented on the Mattie Kelly Arts Center stage in 2017. Tickets are \$5 each, FREE for children 10 and under.

CAPES AND CROWNS FUN RUN AND 5K
The Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin, 9 a.m.
www.baytownewharf.com
Dress up as your fave superhero or glittering princess and take part in this family friendly event benefiting **The Tree House Episcopal Montessori School** in Santa Rosa Beach. Open to all ages—registration is \$20 for fun run, \$35 for 5K.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL SATURDAYS
HarborWalk Village, Destin, Starts at 11 a.m.
www.HarborWalkDestin.com
Enjoy your favorite teams, along with some great food and drink specials from **Crab Island Cantina** and other HarborWalk venues.

EMERALD COAST OUT OF THE DARKNESS COMMUNITY WALK
John Beasley Park, Fort Walton Beach, Check-in Starts at 11 a.m.
850-830-0755
Walk and raise awareness—and funds—for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention to invest in new research, create educational programs, advocate for public policy and support survivors of suicide loss.

NICK PAYNE’S “CONSTELLATIONS”
Grand Boulevard at Sandestin, 7:30 p.m.
emeraldcoasttheatre.org
The two-character drama questions the boundaries of our world. Contains profanity. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors, and \$15 for students, plus \$2 facility fee.

SEASIDE FARMERS MARKET
Seaside, 8 a.m.-Noon. Behind Raw & Juicy
www.seasidefl.com
Fresh produce, baked goods, dairy products, native plants and other unique offerings.

ST. SIMON’S HOLIDAY ARTS AND CRAFT FAIR
St. Simon’s on the Sound Episcopal Church, Fort Walton Beach, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

SUNDAY, NOV. 6

NICK PAYNE’S “CONSTELLATIONS”
Grand Boulevard at Sandestin, 2 p.m.
emeraldcoasttheatre.org
The two-character drama questions the boundaries of our world. Contains profanity. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors, and \$15 for students, plus \$2 facility fee.

TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL TAKE A KID FISHING DAY
Harbor Docks, Destin, 7 a.m.-2 p.m.
harbordocks.com
For children ages 7 to 13. Call Jackie or Becky at 850-837-2506 to make a reservation.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 9

FORT WALTON BEACH COMMUNITY CHORUS PRESENTS “BELIEVE”
Fort Walton Beach Civic Auditorium, 7-9 p.m.
fwbcc.org
Join the FWBCC for the magic of the holiday season, with old favorites and new songs that will get you into the spirit. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students, seniors and military families. Discounts for groups of 10 or more.

THURSDAY, NOV. 10

EMERALD COAST LIP SYNC BATTLE 2016
560 Grand Boulevard, Sandestin, 7 p.m.
www.ecbattle.com
Join lip artists and celeb judges (including our own **Nikki Hedrick**), and find out who will take home the coveted trophy this year. **#ECTCBattle2016**

JIM BEAM BOURBON DINNER
Emerald Grande, Destin, 6-8 p.m.
www.HarborWalkDestin.com



Jim Beam and Emerald Grande team up for a special dinner pairing craft bourbon with chef-selected food items. Cost is \$65 per person plus tax and gratuity. Cal 850-424-0622 for rezzies.

FRIDAY, NOV. 11

“A YOUNG GIRL’S MEMORIES OF OCCUPIED FRANCE IN WWII”
Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida, Valparaiso, Noon
850-678-2615
FREE lunchtime lecture with **Marie-Claude Bohler**. Bring a sandwich and learn something on your lunch hour. Call for reservations—space is limited.

Kid-Friendly Events

THURSDAY, NOV. 3

Planetarium Night at Emerald Coast Science Center, Fort Walton Beach, 5-8 p.m.
ecsciencecenter.org.

FRIDAY, NOV. 4

Kids’ Holiday Art Classes at Walton County Coastal Branch Library, Santa Rosa Beach, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOV. 5

Capes and Crowns Fun Run and 5K at the Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin, 9 a.m.
capesandcrowns.com.

SUNDAY, NOV. 6

Twenty-Second Annual Take a Kid Fishing Day at Harbor Docks, Destin, 7 a.m.-2 p.m. Off-duty policemen and firefighters, along with other volunteers, chaperone kids ages 7 to 13 on professional charter boats. Registration required—call 850-837-2506.

MONDAY, NOV. 7

Lapsit Storytime at Fort Walton Beach Library, 10:30 a.m. Storytime increases reading, listening, motor skills, attention span, music, rhythm, social development and more. Registration required. **live-readokaloosa.time.ly/.**

TUESDAY, NOV. 8

Storytime at Crestview Library, 10:15 a.m. Ages 3 to 5.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 9

Ice Skating at the Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin, 4-9 p.m. **www.baytownewharf.com.**

THURSDAY, NOV. 10

Loomis Bros. Circus at Old Spanish Trail Park, Crestview, 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. Three-ring circus with elephants, tigers and a live band. **www.loomiscircus.com.**

FRIDAY, NOV. 11

Kids’ Night Out, various locations in Destin, Crestview, Fort Walton Beach and Panama City. Details at **www.emeraldcoastkids.org.**

SATURDAY, NOV. 12

Flutterby Festival at Rosemary Beach, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Arts, science and crafts festival for the entire music with live music, theater and dance performances, plus art exhibits and butterfly parade. FREE.

SUNDAY, NOV. 13

Live Music on WaterSound Origins’ Village Commons Lawn, 3-5 p.m. Bring a picnic and a blanket and enjoy some great music.

MONDAY, NOV. 14

Storytime at Valparaiso Library, 10 a.m.

TUESDAY, NOV. 15

Kids’ Art Classes at Arts and Design Society, Fort Walton Beach, 4-5:30 p.m. Students ages 6-12 learn principles of basic drawing, painting and sculpture. Cost is \$70 (\$60 for ADSO members) and includes all supplies.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 16

Legal Club at Walton County Coastal Branch Library, Santa Rosa Beach, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Bring your friends! All supplies provided. Call 850-267-2809 for more info.
- Kellyanne Bartleson



Que, a recent Alaqua Animal Refuge Pet of the Week. Meet your future best friend at beachcomberdestin.com every weekend.
Photo submitted by Kelby Schweickert.

Events

SATURDAY, NOV. 12

A COASTAL BOIL: A CULINARY CELEBRATION

HarborWalk Village, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
www.HarborWalkDestin.com
Presented by the Northwest Florida chapter of the FRLA, this event features chefs from across the region. They'll be cooking up fresh, delicious seafood. Add a full slate of craft beers and live music, and you have one heck of a party.

DECK THE HALLS CHRISTMAS MARKET

De'France Antiques & Flea Market, Fort Walton Beach, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.
defranceantiques.com

Vendors, holiday décor and gifts, arts and crafts, wreaths, and lots more. Bring the kids between 10 and 2 for ice cream, crafts, the Pirate Museum, and entertainment from the Cinco Baptist Children's Ministry. Call 850-314-7500 for more info.

HERITAGE ALIVE! – KNITTING

Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida, Valparaiso, 1-3 p.m.
850-678-2615
Learn the fun and useful craft of knitting with Carol Burkhard and begin a project of your choice. Cost is \$20 (\$15 for museum members)—call the number above to pre-register, because space is limited. Yarn will be provided, but bring short size 8 circular or straight needles.

KITE FILM FEST – A SHORT FILM FESTIVAL

Club LA, Destin, 6-10 p.m.
kitefilmfest.com
A FREE event celebrating local filmmakers. Must be 18 or older to attend. Congrats, Nikki and Heather!

OPEN THEATER AUDITIONS FOR NWF STATE COLLEGE 2017 PRODUCTIONS

Mattie Kelly Arts Center, Niceville, Sign-In at 1:30 p.m.
850-729-6007
Auditions for two productions to be staged in March 2017 and directed by Clint Mahle—Carlo Goldoni's The Servant of Two Masters and John

Pielmeier's Agnes of God. Please come prepared with a 90-second audition consisting of two short monologues, one comedic (should make use of broad physical style) and one dramatic. Call the number above for more info or email mahlej@nwfsc.edu.

SEASIDE FARMERS MARKET

Seaside, 8 a.m.-Noon. Behind Raw & Juicy
www.seasidefl.com
Fresh produce, baked goods, dairy products, native plants and other unique offerings.

SECOND ANNUAL DESTIN POOCH PALOOZA

Destin Dog Park, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
The Friends of the Destin Dog Park raised nearly \$3,000 at last year's event, and this year they're hoping to top that. Bring your four-leggers and your checkbooks.

SUNDAY, NOV. 13

FOURTH ANNUAL MILES OF MEMORIES 5K RUN/WALK

Hurricane Grill and Wings, Niceville, Registration at 8 a.m.
milesofmemoriesniceville.kintera.org
Make your miles count for Covenant Alzheimer's Care, and stick around for a brunch after party. Register at the website above—advance registration is \$20 for 5K run/walk, \$15 for the one-mile walk. Learn more at choosecovenant.org or call 850-438-9714.

THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL TOYS 4 TOTS RUN FOR MOTORCYCLES

Sam's Club Parking Lot, Fort Walton Beach, 8:30 a.m. Registration
850-678-4289 / 850-818-5652 / 850-862-4706



The event, benefiting Emerald Coast Children's Advocacy Center and Children in Crisis, starts at 11 a.m. at Sam's Club and winds up at the Niceville Mullet Festival site. Enjoy music, food, games, motorcycle contest and more. If you don't have a bike, join everyone at the Mullet Festival site with a toy donation.

TUESDAY, NOV. 15

CARL FRANKLIN'S "ONE TRUE THING"

Destin Library, 3 p.m.
850-837-8572
FREE screening of the Renee Zellweger family drama.

"WHO IS IN YOUR FAMILY TREE?"

Destin Library, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
850-837-8572
A FREE hands-on family history workshop in the library's computer lab. All you need is a valid Okaloosa County Public Library card. Call the number above to register. Limited to 18 participants on a first-come basis.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 16

GRANT WRITING WORKSHOP

Destin Library, 12:30-3:30 p.m.
okaloosaarts.org
The Okaloosa Arts Alliance presents Susan Kneller, a retired teacher with over 20 years of experience as a successful grant writer, applicant, grant reviewer, etc. The workshop covers researching available grants, writing grant proposals, developing project budgets and more. Cost is \$45 (\$15 for OAA members). Register by emailing amybaty1@gmail.com.

SATURDAY, NOV. 19

SANDESTIN WINE FESTIVAL PRESENTS SPARKLING WINE AND HOLIDAY LIGHTS

The Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin, 4-6 p.m.
baytownesparklingwinefest.com
Stroll the Village streets lined in twinkling lights and greenery as you sip a variety of champagnes and taste featured menu items from various restaurants. Plus—a sneak peek at the Village Christmas tree and holiday entertainment.

Beachside Worship Services

CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION EPISCOPAL CHURCH UECNA

1928 Book of Common Prayer Service, 10 a.m. Sundays, communion service 2nd and 4th Sundays, morning prayer, 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays. 66 8th Street, Shalimar, 850-651-9800.

DESTIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AND LIFE CENTER

Contemporary service, 9 a.m. Traditional and youth services at 11 a.m. Weekend beachside services begin at 7:30 a.m. at Henderson Beach State Park Memorial Day weekend. 200 Beach Drive, Destin. 850-837-2021.

FAITH ASSEMBLY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sunday worship services: 8:45 and 11 a.m. Nursery and children's church is available. Wednesday bible study at 7 p.m. Located at 306 S. Geronimo St. in Miramar Beach, three blocks west of Silver Sands Outlet Mall. 850-837-7561.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF DESTIN

Sunday bible study at 9:15 a.m., worship service at 10:30 a.m., prayer group at 5 p.m. Wednesday supper at 6 p.m., followed by youth-kids programs and bible study at 6:30. 201 Beach Drive, 850-837-6515.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SEAGROVE

Sunday services at 10 a.m. and Wednesdays at 6 p.m. 4915 E Hwy. 30A, Seagrove, 850-231-2884.

GOOD NEWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday services 8:50 a.m., traditional worship 9:45 a.m. Sunday school, 11 a.m., contemporary worship, 4747 Hwy 98W, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-622-9191.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sundays 8 a.m. worship, 9:15 bible study, 10:30 worship, 4325 Commons Drive, 850-654-1679.

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Beach worship at 8 a.m. at Ed Walline Park, intersection of Scenic Highway 30A and CR-393, Santa Rosa Beach. Vintage service at 10:15 a.m. at 3834 U.S. 98 West. For more info, call Pastor Jason

Scheler at 850-267-0322 or email pastorj@hopeonthebeach.org.

RESURRECTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

Saturday vigil mass, 5 p.m.; Sunday masses, 8 and 10:30 a.m.; Daily liturgies, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.; Holy Days of Obligation, 8:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Fridays, 9-10 a.m.; Confessions, Saturdays, 4-4:45 p.m. or by appointment. 259 Miramar Beach Dr., Destin, 850-837-0358.

SAFE HARBOR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday school at 9:30 a.m., worship service at 10:30. 801 Airport Road, Destin, 850-837-2133.

SAINT RITA CATHOLIC CHURCH

Saturday Vigil mass at 5:30 p.m. year round. Sunday services at 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Holy Day services, call the office please. 137 Moll Drive, Santa Rosa Beach, just off U.S. 98. 850-267-2558. www.saintritaaparish.org.

SANTA ROSA COMMUNITY CHURCH

Interdenominational service 10 a.m. Sundays. 3524 Hwy. 98W, 850-267-7599.

SHORELINE CHURCH

Non-denominational modern Sunday service at 9 and 10:30 a.m. at AMC Motion Pictures in Destin Commons, and Sundays at 9 and 10:30 a.m. at Uptown Station Campus, Fort Walton Beach. 850-650-8658 or www.shorelinechurch.net.

ST. ANDREWS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Service at 10 a.m. Sundays. 307 Hwy. 98E, Destin, 850-650-2737

ST. MARKELLA & DEMETRIOS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

Sunday service at 10 a.m. 400 Hwy. 98E, Mary Esther, 850-244-0822.

ST. SIMON'S ON THE SOUND EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sunday services at 8 and 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. 28 Hwy. 98W, FWB, 850-244-8621.

VILLAGE BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday services at 9 and 10:30 a.m. 101 Matthew one block south of Hwy. 98E, Destin, 850-837-8107.



Robin Hicks of MOJO Sportswear presents a \$35,000 donation to Donna Tashik of the Arc of the Emerald Coast. The Arc was one of four local nonprofits that benefited from "The Big One" Poker Run, the Emerald Coast Foundation's signature event held during Boat Week in August. Also receiving checks—Children in Crisis, Eleanor Johnson Youth Center, and the All Sports Association.

Photo submitted by Donna Tashik.

Tri-County Community Council



By Nikki Hedrick

Tri-County Community Council, Inc. is a nonprofit organization focused on improving the quality of life for individuals, families and communities. They currently serve seven counties across the Florida Panhandle, providing different services in each to help those who need it.

In other words, Tri-County Community Council is one nonprofit with a misnomer for a name, seeking to help a whole lot of people in the region.

Executive Director **Joel Paul** shares how the program most utilized in Walton County is public transportation. “We take people to medical trips, to the doctor, to their employment—just where they need to go.

“Everyone runs into someone who needs help,” he adds. “And the biggest piece that we want to communicate is for people to know how to contact us and where to go for help.”

Tri-County Community Council has existed since 1965, growing to serve neighboring areas as the need arose. “We are from Santa Rosa County with transportation over to Walton, Holmes and Washington,” says Paul. “We do Head Start in three counties and do block grants in seven counties. In each county, our mission is a little different.”

Those block grants help someone better reach their goals, as Paul explains that can defray costs for “helping people get back to work—uniforms for nursing programs, (fees) for GED testing. And we provide tools, books, and, in some cases, tuition.”

Whether taking on a senior center or working to grow the pre-K Head Start program, Paul has been with the nonprofit for 16 years and has personally seen the difference these programs can have in bettering someone’s quality of life.

Paul encourages anyone with questions to call 800-395-2696. “A live person will be glad to answer any questions and try to see what you need and send you to the right place.

“People don’t know what we do, but I just want people to understand that there is an agency in the area that provides the services that people need,” he says.

That includes helping someone connect to other area organizations when needed. “I call them sister agencies, like the Council for Aging, the Arc, and Caring and Sharing. We work with other agencies and share resources with people who need help.”

As for helping the nonprofit thrive, “We do a little bit of fundraising to help with our toy program,” says Paul. “But cash donations, volunteerism, or referring people—sending people to us

to help—that’s how we can be assisted the most.”

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Family Biz Spans Decades for Fort Walton Beach's Kelleys

By Samantha Lambert

It all started with Roy Kelley opening Cinco Supermarket in Fort Walton Beach after retiring from the Navy in 1947. Brother Charles got out of the Air Force in 1966 and joined Roy in the grocery business in 1967. From there, Kelley's IGA expanded throughout Okaloosa, Walton and Santa Rosa counties. In the 1980s, three of Charles' children joined their father in the family grocery business.

Today, those three children—Chuck, Mike and Pat—continue to run the family business, but in a different realm. The siblings own and manage Beach Liquors with locations in Fort Walton Beach, Destin, Crestview and Panama City. “A big part of our success over the years has been the family culture that we impart in our business,” says Mike.

The first location of Kelley's IGA was on Eglin Parkway in Fort Walton (as it was known then) in 1948 near the intersection of Yacht Club Drive. In 1972, Kelley's IGA moved to the corner of Yacht Club and Eglin Parkway. In 1974, Charles bought the Village Supermarket in Shalimar, which was a meat market. Six years later, he bought



Roy Kelley, 1948.

the existing Atkins IGA grocery store in Niceville at Palm Plaza. Roy and his son Howard were silent partners in the Niceville venture and continued to run the original Kelley's IGA in Fort Walton Beach.

After graduating from Florida State University and working in Miami as an accountant for a couple of years, Mike moved back to the area in 1981. Older brother Chuck moved back in 1982, and both joined their father in running the Kelley's IGA in Niceville. “My Dad was frugal,” says Mike. “We

stocked items in the store. There was no special treatment.”

Sister Pat had come back a year earlier after graduating from Florida State and was helping her mother Sarah run a craft store in Fort Walton Beach from 1979 to 1982. In 1982, Charles bought an IGA store in Milton, and Pat became the store manager there for four years. In 1986, the Milton store closed and Charles opened one in Baker which Pat also managed until 1988. Pat then moved to the corporate office located in Niceville.

In the late 1980s, Charles opened a Kelley's IGA in Crestview, which Mike managed for 10 years. In 1988, the Kelleys built a store from the ground up in Freeport. Chuck managed that location. At that point, there were four Kelleys managing a Kelley's IGA store in the area.

In 1991, Mike and Chuck came back to the corporate office in Niceville and all three siblings took on administrative roles in the family business. There was not a lot of competition in the grocery business at that time, with the exception of Delchamps and Winn-Dixie. In 1999, Delchamps went bankrupt, but they had two liquor stores that were attached to their locations.

The Kelleys saw those two liquor stores as a way to diversify and ended up buying them in bankruptcy court. There was a location in Fort Walton Beach and one in Panama City. In 2006, the Kelleys decided to sell their existing grocery stores. “It would have taken a lot of capital investments to keep going,” says Mike. “Profitability was getting tougher.” As of 2008, the Kelley family was out of the grocery business.



Kelley's Supermarket, circa 1953.

Photos courtesy of the Kelley family.

The Kelleys then transitioned to the liquor store business. They moved their offices from Niceville to Fort Walton Beach. At first their business was known as Kelley's Liquors, with locations in Fort Walton Beach and Panama City. In 2005, they opened as Beach Liquors at Paradise Point Shopping Center in Fort Walton Beach.

The Crestview location opened in 2007 and the Destin location in 2012. As of today, the Panama City Beach Liquors is the largest location with 9,000 square feet. Beach Liquors has a total of 25 employees, and each location has its own manager. Gayle Susman started with the family business in 2002 and handles accounts payable.

Charles passed away in 2013, and Sarah this past April. Two younger sisters are not involved in the business. “This business gives us the opportunity to stay together as a family,” says Mike. “We provide a family culture in our business.”

“It is unusual to find three siblings working together in a business for 35 years,” adds Pat. “The best part is that it's family inside and outside the business. We grew up here in Fort Walton Beach, and we reside here. We started with our father back in the early 1980s, and here we are in 2016—still in the family business.”

Kelley's Beach Liquors and Wine Merchants specializes in great wines, spirits and craft beer. They are constantly in search of new, fun and exciting spirit beverages to add for your selection and convenience. The Kelleys are committed to unparalleled service for each guest in their shops.



Siblings Pat and Mike Kelley today.

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EDUCATIONAL

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PARKS & PUBLIC BEACH ACCESS

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BLACKWATER RIVER STATE PARK NW of FWB off Hwy. 90, You can catch sight of lots of wildlife while camping, canoeing, hiking, and fishing. Milton, 850-983-5363.

BLUE MOUNTAIN BEACH Public parking for this access is located at the south end of CR-83 and Scenic Highway 30-A.

BRACKIN WAYSIDE PARK Gulf side of Okaloosa Island on Hwy. 98W. Facilities include restaurants, saloons, children’s playground, beach volleyball, three beach accesses, showers, public restrooms, and picnic table.

CAMP HELEN STATE PARK offers hiking, birding, beachcombing, swimming, fishing, canoeing and kayaking along with nine historic buildings. Located at 23937 Panama City Beach Parkway (U.S. 98), 12 miles east of 331, seven miles west of Highway 79. 850-233-5059.

CESSNA BAY Picnic tables, parking, rest rooms and boat access. 1476 N. CR-393.

CLEMENT E. TAYLOR CITY PARK This park is named after one of Destin’s early settlers and is on Choctawhatchee Bay. Chock full of shade trees, there are picnic areas and restrooms, but no camping. Destin, off Calhoun Drive.

DUNE ALLEN In Dune Allen beach this access has parking, but no bathrooms, showers or picnic area. 5753 Hwy 30-A W., Santa Rosa Beach.

ED WALLINE A large public beach access in South Walton, providing handicapped parking, picnic tables, restrooms and showers. Intersection of Hwy 30-A and CR-393.

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GULF SHORE MANOR Public restrooms, handicapped and public parking. 3468 E. Hwy 30-A , Seagrove Beach.

GULFVIEW HEIGHTS Located at the end of Gulfview Heights St, behind Goatfeather’s restaurant, this access offers parking, picnic areas and restrooms.

HENDERSON BEACH STATE PARK This park a.m.st has it all: camping, swimming area sheltered picnic areas, grills, and restrooms. But there is no boat ramp and jet skis and other personal watercraft are prohibited. 17000 Hwy. 98W, Destin, 850-837-7550.

INLET BEACH This area offers handicapped and public parking, restrooms and dune walkovers to the beach. 438 S. Orange St. in Inlet Beach.

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MARIER MEMORIAL PARK Public beach area, picnic tables, barbecue grills, boat ramp, restrooms and bathhouse. Bay side of Okaloosa Island, off Santa Rosa Blvd.

MIRAMAR BEACH ACCESS Parking with public beach access. Scenic Hwy 98 and Driftwood Rd, adjacent to Pompano Joe’s.

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Harbor Docks has been selling fish through its wholesale market since 1981. We sell to markets across the United States and Canada. We also sell to select restaurants along the Gulf Coast. Harbor Docks contracts with over 100 commercial boats to insure that we have an adequate supply of fresh fish.

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Sisters

By Sean Dietrich

You’re not going to find anything tougher than a Georgia-bred girl. And that goes double for Alyssa Calhoun from Newnan. This fourteen-year-old was strong as roofing tacks. She could man a shotgun, bait a hook, and skin a buck from neck to nub, all while wearing hair ribbons.

Most often, when Alyssa wasn’t busy with schoolwork, she was fishing, hunting squirrel, or riding four-wheelers. Or spending time with Kendall.

Kendall, Alyssa’s five-year-old sister, was her best friend. The two were thick as thieves. According to Alyssa’s aunt, they were “joined at the hip.” They did everything together.

A few weeks ago, the girls swam the banks of the Chattahoochee River—a spot where the water is shallow and the current is weak. The only problem is, Coweta County has had a lot of rain in the past month. Meaning: the water isn’t shallow, and the current isn’t weak.

In a matter of moments, little Kendall lost her floating foam noodle and went under. It didn’t take a millisecond for Alyssa to tear out after her. She plunged through the current. When she reached Kendall, she swam beneath to hold her sister above her own head.

A witness said, “They just drifted off together... trying to gasp for air, and then they both ended up being face down in the water.”

A park ranger tried CPR on the two girls, then rushed them to the nearest hospital. Little Kendall was in bad shape, but alive. Alyssa was already gone.

A few days ago, the Calhoun family laid their girl in the ground. And since they couldn’t afford a proper funeral, the whole community tossed their pennies together for a decent one. In case you’re wondering, they collected twelve thousand dollars in nine days.

I understand it was a fine service.

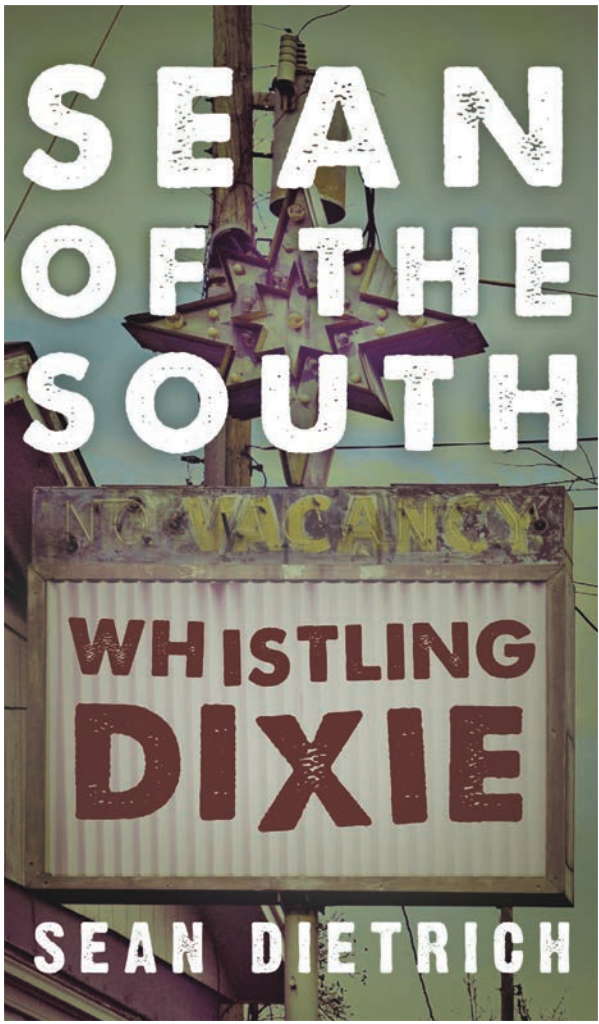
And it sure as sugar ought to have been. Because it took two whole seconds for this fourteen-year-old to decide to lay down her life—maybe not even that long.

This morning, she rests in the Senoia City Cemetery, in a casket purchased by her hometown. Her baby sister still doesn’t know where her best friend ran off to. Or when she’ll be back.

Alyssa might not make the headlines, Coweta County girls seldom do. But if you’ve ever wanted to see what real love looks like...

You just did.

From the new collection of short stories, Sean of the South: Whistling Dixie. Reprinted with permission of the author. Get your copy (it’s out Nov. 6) at local bookstores, online booksellers, seandietrich.com, etc.



Recommended Reading

Dave Broom

Rum: The Manual

Mitchell Beazley

Spirit guide and *Whisky Advocate* contributor Broom’s *Rum: The Manual* constitutes his third focus book (he’s previously covered whisky and gin). The format is the same. He starts with history—bet you won’t guess who distilled the first rum—then gets into distilling details, categories, characteristics and finally reviews some 110 rums, with suggestions on mixers. Like a good field manual, there are photos of the rums (helpful when shopping). He busts a few myths (pirates actually drank more cognac than rum) and writes so evocatively that I went out and bought three rums on his recommendation alone.

- Bruce Collier



UPCOMING BOOKS

NOV. 8

Jeffrey Archer, *This Was a Man* (Clifton Chronicles Series) (Fiction)

Lawrence Block, *Sinner Man* (Hard Case Crime) (Crime Fiction)

Lee Child, *Night School* (Jack Reacher Series) (Thriller)

Joe Hill, *Tales from the Darkside* (Horror). Illustrated by Charles Paul Wilson III.

Christy Jordan, *Sweetness: Southern Recipes to Celebrate the Warmth, the Love, and the Blessings of a Full Life* (Paperback) (Desserts)

Marc Levinson, *An Extraordinary Time: The End of the Postwar Boom and the Return of the Ordinary Economy* (History)

Stephenie Meyer, *The Chemist* (Thriller)

Cynthia Nims, *Crab: 50 Recipes with the Fresh Taste of the Sea from the Pacific, Atlantic & Gulf Coasts* (Seafood)

Amos Oz, *Judas* (Fiction)

Rick Steves, *Florence & Tuscany 2017* (Paperback) (Travel)

Anthony William, *Medical Medium Life-Changing Foods: Save Yourself and the Ones You Love with the Hidden Powers of Fruits & Vegetables* (Diet)

Zagat 2017 – New York City Restaurants (Paperback) (Reference/Travel)

NOV. 15

David Baldacci, *No Man’s Land* (John Puller Series) (Military Thriller)

Tony Bennett with Scott Simon, *Just Getting Started* (Music)

Patricia Cornwell, *Chaos* (Kay Scarpetta Series) (Crime Fiction)

Janet Evanovich, *Turbo Twenty-Three* (Stephanie Plum Series) (Crime Caper)

Laura Jane Grace with Dan Ozzi, *Tranny: Confessions of Punk Rock’s Most Infamous Anarchist Sellout* (Rock ‘n Roll Memoir)

Megyn Kelly, *Settle for More* (Autobiography)

Anna Kendrick, *Scrappy Little Nobody* (Autobiography)

Trevor Noah, *Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood* (Autobiography)

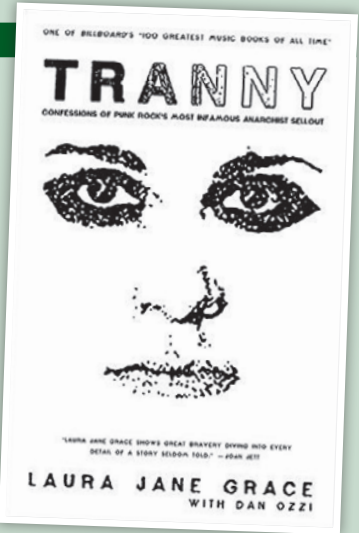
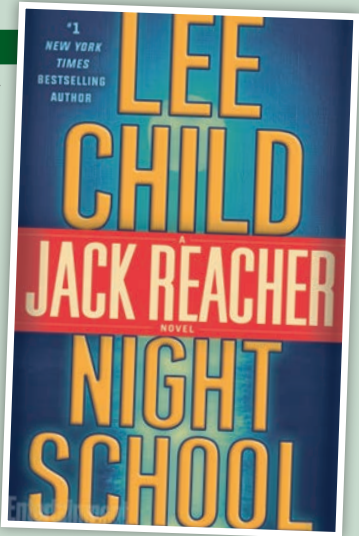
Robbie Robertson, *Testimony* (Rock ‘n Roll Memoir)

JK Rowling, *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them: The Original Screenplay* (Fantasy)

Bernie Sanders, *Our Revolution: A Future to Believe In* (Politics)

Zadie Smith, *Swing Time* (Fiction)

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Birth of a Destin Film Festival

By Nikki Hedrick

850 Music & Entertainment (850ME) has a film festival.

A few small words that mean something insane—

850ME has a film festival.

I wish I could share some grand scheme, but the truth is, we pitched the idea off the cuff for a short film festival and ran with it. By August, it was real—complete with a name that was personal.

Kite Film Fest is so called after our family surname, especially my grandparents Gilbert and Ellon Kite. Mom (Heather) asked permission from her parents, and then life turned on its side. We never would have imagined that my grandfather would pass away before the inaugural Kite Film Fest. He had an accidental fall, and was buried on what would have been his 85th birthday, August 21.

So now we have a film festival that is this emotional whirlwind. We want to do right by the man who meant so much to us.

We want Kite Film Fest to be an opportunity for everyone to come together and celebrate the film community that is right here in our backyard and as far away as the United Kingdom.

This will be a night that we all sit in front of a giant movie screen and turn our attention to the little guys. Hopefully something will move you, inspire you, and reveal an entire world of indie filmmaking that you didn't know existed.

On **Nov. 12** at 6 p.m. at Club LA in Destin, we launch the inaugural Kite Film Fest. Learn more at **KiteFilmFest.com**.



Nikki Hedrick restored this photo of her grandparents for the Kite Film Fest, happening Nov. 12 at Destin's Club LA.

OPENING SOON IN THEATERS

NOV. 4

Doctor Strange. Benedict Cumberbatch, Tilda Swinton.

Dog Eat Dog. Nicolas Cage, Willem Dafoe.

Hacksaw Ridge. Andrew Garfield, Vince Vaughn. Directed by Mel Gibson.

Loving. Joel Edgerton, Ruth Negga.

Trolls. Anna Kendrick, Justin Timberlake.



NOV. 11

Almost Christmas. Kimberly Elise, Omar Epps.

Arrival. Amy Adams, Jeremy Renner, Forest Whitaker.

Shut In. Naomi Watts, Oliver Platt.

UPCOMING DVD/BLU-RAY/VOD RELEASES

NOV. 8

Bubba Ho-Tep (Collector's Edition Blu-ray). Bruce Campbell, Ossie Davis.

Indignation. Logan Lerman, Sarah Gadon.

Sausage Party. Seth Rogen, Kristen Wiig.



NOV. 15

Dead Ringers (Collector's Edition Blu-ray). David Cronenberg's acclaimed thriller gets the Shout! Factory treatment.

Death of a Salesman (Blu-ray). Excellent television adaptation of Arthur Miller's classic play. With Dustin Hoffman and John Malkovich.

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Stage Crafters' "9 to 5 the Musical" — Meet the Cast and Crew



Stage Crafters Community Theatre's third and final production for its 44th season is *9 to 5 the Musical*, based on the 1980 comedy film starring Lily Tomlin, Jane Fonda and Dolly Parton. The stage version retains the same premise—three unlikely friends take control of their office and learn there's nothing they cannot do in a so-called "man's world."

The musical includes music and lyrics by Parton, and the book is by Patricia Resnick, who penned the movie's screenplay.

Performances are **Nov. 4-6 and 11-13** at the Fort Walton Beach Civic Auditorium located at 107 Miracle Strip Parkway. Friday and Saturday shows at 7:30 p.m., with Sunday matinees at 2.

Tickets can be purchased for \$10 at PS Gifts in Fort Walton Beach and Bayou Books in Niceville.

Director **Don Goodrum** recently saw his original play *Littlefield* staged at the Mattie Kelly Arts Center in Niceville. He is the drama teacher at South Walton High School, and his credits with Stage Crafters are too numerous to list here.

Musical director **Tom Hood** splits his time between duties as Rocky Bayou Christian School's choral director and Stage Crafters, where he most recently played the lead in *Damn Yankees*.

Choreographer **Nancy Kruzek's** Stage Crafters credits date back

to the troupe's second production, 1974's *Never Too Late*. Most recently, she portrayed Ethelene in *Lakebottom Proper*.

Chris Galoosis LaPorta (Violet) has appeared in numerous Stage Crafters productions and directed *Lakebottom Proper*.

Abigail Huhtala (Judy) started her Stage Crafters journey with 2015's *Mary Poppins*. She has been a part of every show since then.

Jenna Parish (Doralee) recently graced the stage as Marian the Librarian in *The Music Man*. She is the director of children's ministries at Destin United Methodist Church.

Mark Murphy (Mr. Hart) has served as president and board member of Stage Crafters and now focuses on select roles, the most recent being Van Buren in 2014's *Damn Yankees*.

Melissa Wolf-Bates (Roz) has worked as director, producer, stage manager and actor with Stage Crafters. This past summer, she played Christy in *Lakebottom Proper*.

The cast is rounded out by **David Chancellor, Bobby Parker, Tamra Lynette Christensen, Stacey Young, Alexis Monroe, Katherine Green, Ron Fross, Shelby DeSoto, Ben Sala, Tim Bartley** and **Susan Barnes**.

Call 850-243-1101 for more info, or visit stagecraftersfwb.com.

Charles Morgan Interviews... Charles Morgan

You have said for years now that the city of Destin needs to change direction—that the frantic focus on tourism should be replaced by an intense drive to make Destin a better place to live. What does that mean?

I mean, this is a subject I've been focused on, you know, for some time. In all honesty, and to be quite frank, going forward this issue resonates in a way that clearly requires some study, because at the end of the day, this issue is challenging, as well.

You've talked about the need in Destin to create a pedestrian and bicycle friendly environment, with greatly improved educational and recreational opportunities. You've also lobbied for an intensive drive to plant oak trees. Is making a better city really that simple?

That's an excellent question. Let me address it by saying that while on the surface these issues appear to be, you know, like complicated—to be honest, and make no mistake there, will be some push back—we can clearly agree that at the end of the day, life is you know, like, kind of short. It's weird, as well. You know?

You've complained about the number of t-shirt shops and chain stores and the carnival atmosphere in Destin today. You've said that savvy sophisticated tourists all have one thing in common—"They avoid tourist traps like the plague." Do you really think Destin has become a tourist trap?

Again, another good question. So, let me say this about that. And in all honesty, I really feel that it is clear that this issue is of paramount importance. Now, having said that, I think that at the end of the day, you won't find anyone—and I really feel strongly about this—that is more pleased that you've brought

this up. After much study and deliberation—and I truly believe this—I think it is clearly a matter that is quite confusing.

Years ago, it was feared that the Destin Harbor, which was home to charter boats and commercial fishing boats, would be taken over by private yachts. It now looks like a massive convention for jet skis and pontoon boats. What about that?

Well, let me begin by saying that clearly this is an issue that, at the end of the day, I feel strongly about. Having said that, and to be sure it is an interesting issue, let me be very clear—and I'd like to say this about that, as well. Does that make sense?

You've made a big deal about the mislabeling of seafood. Is that really a big deal?

So, thanks for reaching out to me on this, because it's an issue that is really interesting. Now, having said that, I honestly—and I think it is quite clear—think that at the end of the day, the food that we eat—and we do all have to eat, some apparently more than others—is something we need to look at from the perspective of health and longevity. Which, let's face it, is confusing enough. Am I clear on this? Am I making sense?

You've opened some restaurants in locations far from Destin. Why not just open more places here, where you live?

Boy, you ask some really good questions. Again, thanks for reaching out. So, in response to that, I'd say that in all honesty, and I really believe this—clearly restaurants are fun and easy to operate.

It seems like the more, the better. And, as you can tell because there are so many of them, they sure do make a lot of money. Now, at the end of the day,

employing hundreds of people and dealing with scads of rules and regulations in different cities and states and being able to welcome people to your business who are often times unruly, unfriendly, demanding and sometimes not very nice—clearly, it is lots of fun.

Sometimes the customers are very heavy-set and looking for lots of good food at cheap prices. That is always really funny. So, and I really mean this as well, the restaurant business is easy, fun and very lucrative. Does that make sense?

There is a presidential election coming up. You're one of the many Democrats in our area. How does it look to you?

So, I think it is clear that this election has been so much fun. Again, thanks for reaching out. It's almost as much fun as the restaurant business. LOL. There are so many Democrats around here you can hardly waddle through the Walmart without bumping into one.

One of the things we can take away from this election—and make no mistake, it is an election, let me be honest about this. I truly believe this—there has been some news on television about this, trust me, lots of people have been saying this—at the end of the day, we might have a president next week. I wish the campaign would last another year so we could get to know the candidates better.

Now, having said that, it is highly unlikely that we'll ever have another Muslim from Kenya hell bent on destroying America as our president. I truly, honestly believe that. Clearly.

Editor's Note: Regular interviews will resume next issue.

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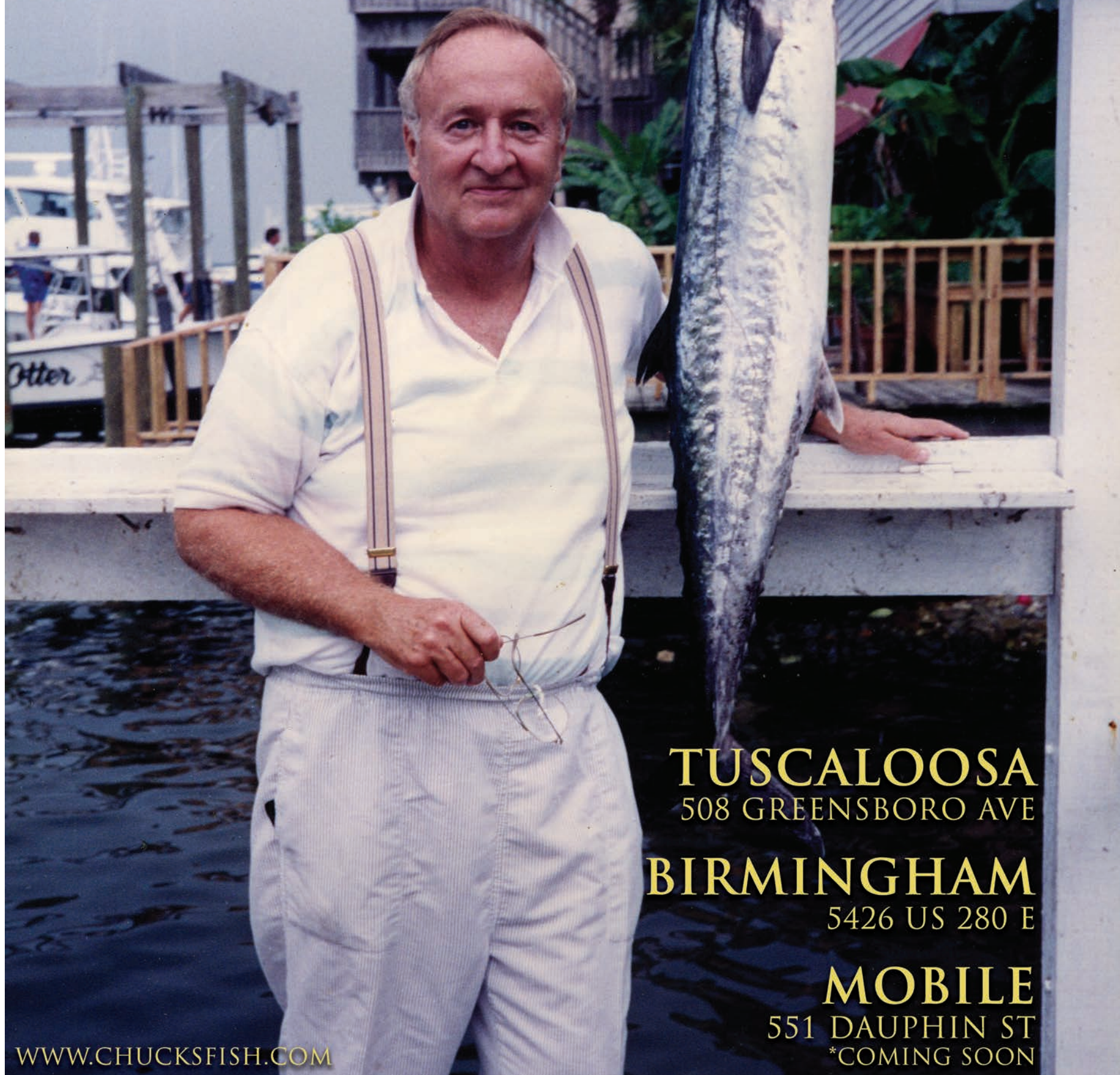


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Canadian Whisky – Pride of the North

By Bruce Collier

Canadians have been making grain whisky since the 18th century. The original grain of choice was wheat. German settlers introduced rye. Corn, already flourishing in North America, has become the predominant grain for Canadian “base spirit.” Rye is distilled for “flavoring spirit.” Other grains used are malted or unmalted barley and triticale, a wheat-rye hybrid. Canadians often refer to their whisky simply as rye, even whisky that contains no rye.

Canadian whisky must be mashed, distilled and aged in Canada, aged for at least three years in “small wood” (barrels not larger than 700 liters), be at least 40 percent ABV (80 proof) and “may contain caramel and flavouring.” That last part is called the “9.09% rule,” and is controversial, though Canadian whisky writer Davin de Kergommeaux says it’s “poorly understood.”

Leaving all that aside, what’s so great about Canadian whisky? Let’s find out. I tried eight whiskies, all but one available in this area.

CANADIAN HUNTER RYE

90 Proof

\$8.30

This is a variation on the more common Canadian Hunter, with an emphasis on the rye grain. The nose starts out a little soapy, which dissipates to leave the scent of caramel. The caramel continues on the taste, followed by vanilla, butter and taffy. The finish is short. At under \$10, the Hunter won’t disappoint you.

PINE CREEK VINTAGE PORT BARREL FINISHED

80 Proof

\$21.90-29.99

The Canadian version is 10 years old (the youngest whisky in the blend), no age statement on the American bottle. Reportedly this whisky is aged in a non-climate controlled, no-electricity warehouse in Ontario (“crafted by the elements” says the label). That translates into plenty of contact with the barrel wood as the spirit expands and contracts. This one took a lot of air to open up—wood, menthol, vanilla, waffle sugar cone, dried figs. The taste was toffee—sweet and surprisingly hot for 80 proof whisky. Dried figs, pepper, caramel sauce, honey, with a raisiny finish like tawny port.

CANADIAN CLUB 100 PERCENT RYE

80 Proof

\$20.99

The nose was mildly fruity, with vanilla, wood, waffles and syrup, malty honey

and candied orange peel. I expected more sweetness on the first taste, considering the nose, and eventually the orange came up, but it took time. I tasted it again a few weeks later and it was greatly improved, which goes for most of the others as well.

ROYAL CANADIAN SMALL BATCH

80 Proof

\$22.99 (Purchased in Georgia)

The bottle bears an etched crest with horse head, two lions and a maple leaf, in case you’re in any doubt about it being either royal or Canadian. The nose is honey, toasted sugar and menthol. The honey continues on the taste, with a warm, burn-free vanilla wafer finish. There are hints of rum and toffee, baked pears and apples. Great value.

CROWN ROYAL NORTHERN HARVEST RYE

90 Proof

\$26-32

Northern Harvest generated delight and scorn when *Whisky Bible* author Jim Murray named it World Whisky of the Year 2016, an honor usually accorded to rare (and expensive) spirits. The nose is non-specific fruit juice, possibly grape, warm spices, the Christmas blend. There were hints of varnish. Taste is more fruit, fresh pears, body is not too heavy, not too thin, and nothing lingers long.

LOT NO. 40 SINGLE COPPER POT STILL SMALL BATCH

86 Proof

\$38.90 and up

I bought this in Ohio—it’s more expensive around here. It’s loaded with scent and flavor. The nose is tart fruit, grape juice, furniture wax, nail polish, dark berries and candied fruit peel, cocoa and milk, upside-down cake, sweet spicy pickles. The taste includes wax, blackberry and grape jelly, cinnamon Red Hots, and a lingering fruity finish.

WISER’S 18-YEAR-OLD

80 Proof

\$54.99

J.P. Wiser was one of the giants of Canadian whisky

history, and this expression does him proud. It’s thick and chewy, with a grape candy, vanilla and maple syrup nose. The taste is lush, fruity, milky cocoa, orange creamsicle, tangerine and chocolate candy, Tootsie Pop. The finish is silky smooth.

MASTERTON’S 10-YEAR-OLD RYE

90 Proof

\$65.99

Only the tiny “Product of Canada” notice on the back of the bottle tells you this whisky isn’t from the American Wild West. The photo of gunfighter-lawman Bat Masterson on the label is a wee bit misleading, but the rye here is sourced from Canada and bottled in

California. You’ll forget all that when you open it up. The nose is a basket of orange, tangerine and sugared pear drops, with varnished wood, bittersweet honey, sweet and sour pickles and creamy vanilla caramels. The taste starts dry, then with air produces spicy pears, citrus pith and peel, with a marmalade finish.

Just as Canada has remade the face of American comedy, it may be on the verge of taking the world stage in whisky. From the nine (and counting) principal distilleries that dot the Canadian landscape is coming a host of game-changing whiskies, and American drinkers are taking notice.



Spilling the Beans on the Area’s Best Coffee Houses

By Joni Williams

As the renowned 18th century poet Lord Tennyson once said: “In spring, a young woman’s fancy turns to beer...but in fall and winter, she’s all about the coffee.”

Well, maybe we twisted that famous quote just a little. But you get the idea. When the air turns nippy—and for us true Floridians, that’s any temp below 70—it’s the perfect time to hit up the local hot spots for that other kind of brew. And we aren’t talking Starbucks, either (try not to gasp).

Sure, we’re always game for a Starbucks French press pour-over. And we feed our Keurig plenty of their ridiculously expensive K-cups. But it’s the locally owned and operated coffee shops that are our true favorites. This is where you’ll find customized menus, live music or other events, and a personable, welcoming vibe that a chain just can’t replicate. But most importantly, these places serve some of the best damn coffee this side of the Atlantic.

Which explains why **Maas Coffee Roasters** in downtown FoWal continues to thrive in its 10th year of business. Not only do they roast their own beans in-house, hence the name, they take their own sweet time with the process and follow up by ensuring the roasts are sold within three weeks. Talk about fresh brewed. This longstanding policy also ensures their coffee is totally devoid of that subtle bitter-burnt taste so many drinkers of big-name brews complain about (Starbucks, we love you, but you know it’s true).

It’s also why Maas’ brews remain delectably delicious any way they’re served—hot, cold, creamed, sweetened, or straight up black. We should know. We ended up indulging in three coffees on our most



recent visit—a cup of piping hot house blend; a creamy, cinnamon-y iced Redneck Latte; and a Toddi Brew, an in-house cold brew that was 36 hours in the making. Why three? Because we got too full to go for four. Seriously. It’s that good.

Besides coffee, espresso, cappuccino and lattes, Maas offers tea, Chai, hot chocolate and a display case of tempting bakery items. (Yes, we caved. How can you say no to an apple fritter staring you down?) They also stock quality presses, cups, syrups and other supplies, as well as good looking tees bearing the original coffee art of the Coffee King himself, owner Jim Maas.

Still, it’s all about the beans here. There are literally dozens of freshly roasted beans sold in small quantities for home brewers or in bulk to businesses. Love the brews at Niceville’s Liquid Cafe or Seville Quarter’s customized blend? They all start with Maas’ beans.

Java Junkies up north looking for a fresh-roasted fix can rock the **Casbah** in downtown Crestview. They specialize in fair trade coffee from around the globe, served up with big city sophistication and small town prices. A large coffee is \$2.25, a double shot of espresso \$1.95, and cappuccinos and lattes are \$3.95. And good luck trying to resist their insanely delicious-looking assortment of baked goods. They also offer a full menu of eats and host events like trivia and open mic nights. It might be a bit of a drive from the coast, but it’s worth it.

As is a trip from anywhere to **30A Songwriter Radio**, our favorite music and coffee house in Santa Rosa Beach. Here you can enjoy live music and the artists’ storytelling as well as hard-to-find craft beer, teas, soft drinks, and fair trade certified organic coffee. It’s so delish that after one cup, we were ready to write a love song to their house made “craft draft,” a nitrogen-infused cold brew. Cool, smooth and bitter-free, it’s good enough to drink naked.

Or opt for one of the cleverly named variations made with cream, spice, flavored syrups, or jacked with a shot or two of espresso. Caffeine buzz, anyone?

As much as we love their luscious signature brew, next visit we’re planning to hit up the teas. We always love us a good Chai, but owners Shannon and Josette have gone way beyond that, offering everything from classic Earl Grey to the more exquisite Hibiscus and Jasmine teas.

But what really caught our fancy is the recent addition of “flowering tea” in a teapot for two that promises to bloom in as it steeps. That’s some hot tea that’s just too cool to pass up.



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HOOTERS Wings, shrimp, burgers and more. Open 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Sun.-Thu., 11 a.m.-1 a.m. Fri. and Sat. Happy hour Mon.-Fri., 3-6 p.m. and 9 p.m.-close. 15015 Emerald Coast Parkway, Destin, 850-654-1007. hootersonline.com.

ASIAN

LIN'S ASIAN CUISINE Enjoy carefully prepared and artfully served Chinese and Southeast Asian dishes in a pleasant and welcoming a.m.sphere. Chicken, beef, pork, duck, fish and shellfish are cooked to suit most tastes, and Lin's offers your favorites—General Tso's chicken, Mongolian beef, pad thai, lo mein and kung pao, among many others. Beer and wine. \$2-15. 130 Scenic Gulf Dr. #5B, Miramar Beach, 850-424-5888.

BARBEQUE

LILLIE'S Q Award-winning on the national level barbecue restaurant located at 9848 Hwy. 98 W., Miramar Beach, approximately seven miles east of the Mid Bay Bridge. We offer barbecue that represents all areas of the U.S., such as pulled pork, baby back ribs, smoked chicken breast and beef tri-tip (sliced sirloin). All meat products are slow smoked using natural wood and lump charcoal. Seven sauce choices with delicious side orders and the best banana pudding in the Panhandle. We offer a wrap around porch. No inside seating. Hours: Tue.-Sat., 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Call ahead orders welcomed! 850-654-3911.

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THE BREAKFAST TABLE Locally owned and operated. From 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. enjoy a full service breakfast of eggs your way or omelets and sides, pancakes or waffles, Eggs Benedict in various tasty styles (crab cake, salmon or Sardou), Breakfast Sundae or a Granna B's Bullseye and more. Add a Bloody Mary or Mimosa. Lunch starts at 11 and offers a variety of hot or cold deli sandwiches (Boar's Head meats and cheeses), homemade soups and daily specials. Beer and wine. Call 850-460-7322 for reservations or visit thebreakfasttabledestin.com.

DESTIN DINER Open 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Full bar. 1083 U.S. 98, Destin, 850-460-7283. www.destindiner.com.

THE DONUT HOLE Breakfast, donuts, sandwiches, salads, burgers and more. 635 U.S. 98 E, Destin, 850-837-8824.

THE DONUT HOLE 6745 U.S. 98 W, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-3239.

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THE LOCAL MARKET Open 7 a.m.-3 p.m. daily. Fresh pressed juices, coffee, breakfast, gourmet sandwiches, homemade ice cream and more. 950 Gulf Shore Drive, Destin, 850-460-8979.

THE PANCAKERY Serving breakfast and lunch daily from 7 a.m. - 2 p.m. Featuring build your own pancakes and omelettes! Waffles, French Toast, crepes, benedicts, bananas foster and all traditional breakfast items. Also, lunch menu includes sandwiches, burgers, salads, wraps, and loaded potatoes. Now serving bloody marys, mimosas and cold beer. 960 Hwy 98 East, Suite 104, Destin. 850-269-0791.

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BURGERS

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HOG'S BREATH CAFE A local favorite located in the heart of Destin, Hog's Breath offers a varied menu selection, from seafood tacos to BBQ platters. Sit inside or enjoy the beautiful Emerald Coast weather, all while listening to live local entertainment. Fun for the entire family. Open daily, 11 a.m. until 2 a.m. 541 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-837-5991. "Hog's Breath is better than no breath at all!" www.hogsbreath.com/destin.

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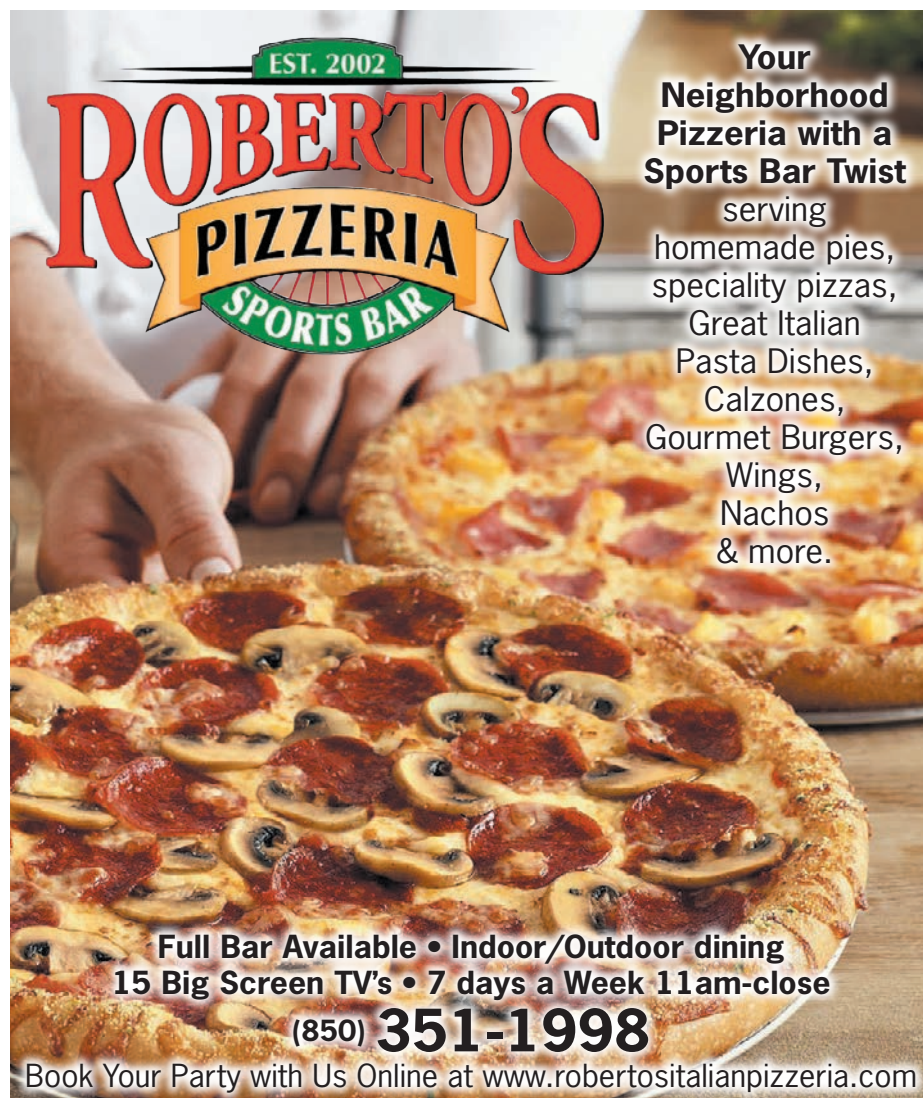
CONTEMPORARY

BUD & ALLEY'S This Seaside perennial just keeps getting better. Lunch and dinner daily, with a varying menu offering grilled, roasted, and sautéed fish and shellfish, quail, chicken, pork, and plenty of interesting accompaniments. Full bar, \$4-34. 2236 CR30A East, Seaside, 850-231-5900.

LOUIS LOUIS Louis Louis is another dining hit. This "sister" restaurant to the famous Red Bar offers a short but all-star menu of fish, chicken, pork, crab cakes and pasta entrees, served in fat portions by a friendly staff. Do whatever you have to do, but don't skip dessert. Colorful décor, comfy tables, full bar, \$5-25. 35 Mussett Bayou Rd., Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-1500.

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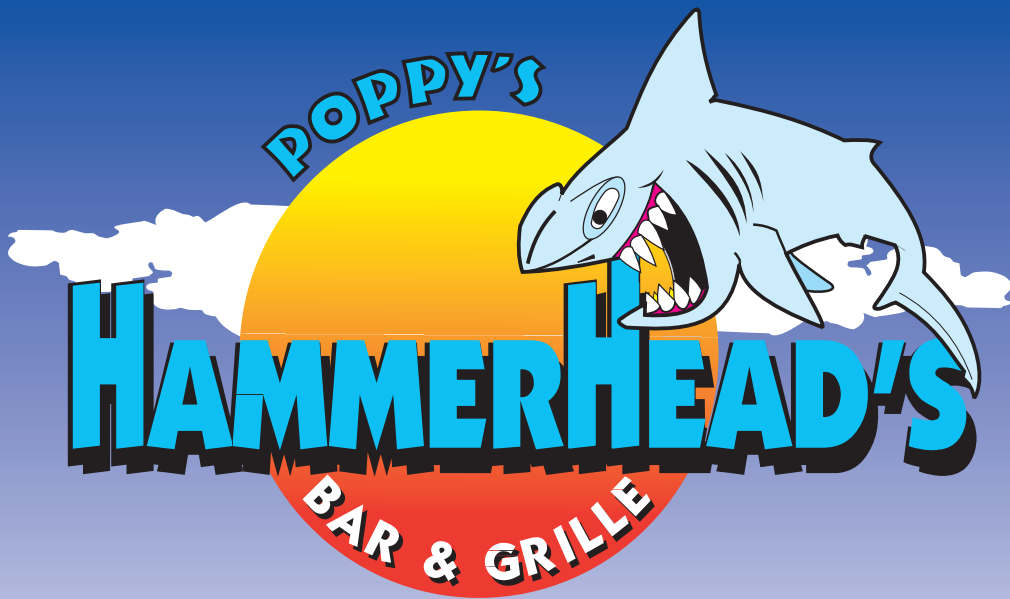
HEALTHY DINING

GEORGE'S AT ALYS BEACH Established in 2008, George's has offered regional coastal fare infused with global flavors to the quaint town of Alys Beach. We craft all of our dishes using locally sourced organic produce and the freshest seafood available, and present each with a generous helping of love. Our dishes fall into two categories—Behave and Misbehave. The Behave section features organic, spa-inspired dishes, while the Misbehave side touts traditional beach

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ITALIAN

LA FAMIGLIA ON THE HARBOR Famous classic family recipes served by the generations that have perfected them together, paired with a diverse wine list. Dine overlooking the beautiful sunsets over the Destin Bridge and East Pass. Open 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Happy hour daily, 3-6 p.m. 2 Harbor Blvd., Suite 200, Destin, 850-424-7441. www.lafamigliadestin.com.

TUSCANY ITALIAN BISTRO Authentic Italian cuisine includes pasta, freshest seafood, tender veal and more. A true taste of Italy--beautiful Italian decor with handpainted murals. Live Entertainment by Eclipse (Don and Amanda), Special Happy Hour from 5-8. 36178 Emerald Coast Pkwy. Next to City Market in Destin. 850-650-2451.

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CRAB ISLAND CANTINA Traditional and not so traditional Mexican and Latin food, featuring snapper enchiladas, grouper tacos, and award-winning seafood chorizo gumbo. Great selection of seafood dishes and Black Angus steaks, and all are big portions so make sure you're hungry. Spacious dining area, multiple bars, even a fountain, plus the view of Destin Bridge and the East Pass. Full bar,

Bartender of the Issue



Meagan North
Fudpucker's, Okaloosa Island

Born in Fort Walton Beach, Meagan (pronounced *MEE-gan*) is a single mom of four boys "ages 12, 11, 10 and 8." She worked as a cardiac nurse until her youngest son had some medical issues.

She works the day shift at Fud's, and Chester and the staff are very understanding about scheduling and the possibility that she may have to take off at a moment's notice. "As a bartender, that's something you don't come by," says Meagan.

Meagan has been pouring at Fud's since February. Prior to that, she did high volume nighttime bartending at places like Coyote Ugly, Helenback and the Black Pearl. I ask her if her nursing background has ever come into play at the Fudpucker's bar.

"I've never had to do it here," she says. "But if you need CPR or other life-saving stuff, I can do it."

She can also make your favorite mixed and frozen drinks. Meagan prefers her own adult beverages "delicious and refreshing. I'm a Ketel One and soda drinker, and I love red wine—blends, mostly, from Chile, Argentina and Italy."

Meagan also enjoys power lifting ("in my own garage"), soccer and football. "Anything outside with my kids. I also love to cook—anything paleo."

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LA PAZ offers just about anything you'd want from a Mexican-Southwestern kitchen, including tamales, tacos, fajitas, burritos, enchiladas and quesadillas, plus a thoughtfully prepared list of grilled local fish and shellfish and imaginative spins on classics. Daily dinner specials, full bar. \$15-25. 950 Gulf Shore Drive, Destin, 850-837-2247. www.lapazdestin.com.

PEPITO'S MEXICAN GRILL An enormous menu, plenty of room, and a friendly staff make Pepito's a good bet for a Mexican snack or feast. Traditional and unusual fare includes

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LANDSHARK'S PIZZA Daily happy hour, 3-6 p.m. and full liquor bar plus award-winning pizza and wings. 360 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-460-6743. www.LandsharksPizza.com.

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CAPT. DAVE'S ON THE GULF A tradition since 1977, Capt. Dave's is a go-to place for the kind of seafood that made this area famous. A time-tested selection of fried, grilled, and broiled fish, shellfish, steaks and chicken, with house and seasonal specialties. Full bar. \$5-25. 3796 Scenic Hwy 98, Destin, 850-837-2627.

GRANDE VISTA BAR & GRILL Located in the Emerald Grande. Open daily 7 a.m.-9 p.m. for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Grande Vista Bar & Grill has delicious local seafood, signature sandwiches and mouth-watering burgers. Enjoy casual or business lunch inside or poolside overlooking the Destin Harbor. Enjoy special drink prices inside or outside at our poolside bar. The view from our pool deck is simply breathtaking. Half-priced drinks daily, 4-6 p.m. 10 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-337-8100 x1550. info@emeraldgrande.com.

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SUSHI

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850-424-7417
When: Everyday from 3 to 6 p.m.
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850-654-4200
When: All day long.
Drink Specials: Smirnoff martinis \$4.99 all day every day. World Famous Fudpucker Punch \$5.99, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Daily deals with download of the Fud app.

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Pickleball II: The Sequel



Pickleball enthusiasts Rick Scothorn and Shary Harrison in action.

By Phil Gardner

Pickleball is a fantastic sport for all ages. It is a low impact sport played on a small court. It is particularly suited to recreation players who may not yet be ready for Wimbledon.

Personally, I am not one who likes to exercise just for exercise's sake. Hitting the gym has never been my thing. But I do like to play and have fun. Pickleball affords me a way to keep in shape while having a lot of fun.

During a session, I may play five or six games, and by the end I am typically drenched in sweat. When I first started to play, I was totally sore as my muscles were not use to the heightened level of exercise. Now I'm just a little sore.

I like to point out to newer players that your legs are very important in the game. The court may be small, but you still have to adjust your position in order to cover the open areas. You are constantly reacting to the other team's returns.

The basics are simple, but over time you learn to observe your opponents. You want to get a jump on where they are aiming and how they are hitting

the ball. As your game improves, you find you are reading the flow of the game and reacting faster.

The other aspect of the game that I love is the friendly banter with all the other players. I remember telling my wife after playing for the first time, "The guys can heckle the hell out of you." It made me feel right at home.

We encourage, tease and cajole each other during the games and, at times, from the sidelines. Believe me when I say that we hit a lot of stray balls. But when we hit a perfect winning shot, it more than makes up for bad ones.

We also love to get together socially. In fact, the local players have organized the **Emerald Coast Pickleball Club** that most of us have joined. The club helps keep us informed and organizes socials and tournaments.

If you're visiting our wonderful community or live locally and want to play or learn to play Pickleball, contact the **Destin Community Center** (three indoor courts) at 850-654-5184, **Destin United Methodist Church Life Center** (four indoor courts) at 850-837-2021, or **Hendrick Recreation Center** in Fort Walton Beach (two indoor courts) at 850-833-9574.

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Fantasy Football from a Fan’s Standpoint

By Tim Morinelli

Hello again, fellow Footballites (patent pending on that word)!

If you’re anything like me—a football fan lured into the Fantasy Football world like Hansel and Gretel into the old crony’s house with the promise of candy and cookies—you will understand the frustration I am feeling.

Insert frustrated emoji here, e.g. poop, tongue sticking out, etc.

I love football. I fondly remember watching with my dad and brother, adjusting the rabbit ears on top of the TV (yeah, I’m that old), eating brats and yelling at the screen that Chicago is *no* place to have a football team, and they can’t drive, either!

Wisconsinites will get that one.

Yes, I love me some football. There’s no mistaking this, but how in the hell can I keep rooting for individual football players when they’re playing *my* team? (Packers, by the way, if you haven’t guessed.)

I watch my Packers play and simultaneously hope Davonte Freeman (from the Atlanta Falcons) can score big Fantasy points. This just isn’t right, and on many levels. My football brain (not *that*

enlightened, FYI) is tugging in two directions. One way for the Packers to win, and the other to not win enough to kill my Fantasy score.

What in the world did I do to myself?

Don’t get me wrong. I truly enjoy the camaraderie of challenging my friends in my Fantasy league. I do. The constant playful banter—telling someone to shove that Fantasy Football where the sun doesn’t shine, while getting told I suck at a basic human level because I put the wrong wide receiver in my lineup...

Good times. But by the same token, I think I may have ruined my football experience overall.

There are times when I yearn for the “rabbit ear” days, sitting on the sofa (not a telephone in sight), drinking Tab cola (again, I’m old), and tuning in one of the only three channels available to watch football. Also, playing Lawn Jarts at halftime (look it up, it’s very dangerous) and going inside to finish watching the Packers game as a family.

So what’s the lesson here? I’m old. Yeah, yeah. But also, sometimes simpler is better. Not all the time, but sometimes. Now, I’m going to stop typing into my phone, and get back to the eight different games on my TV all at once.

Go Davonte and Packers! Happy Football Season!

Carl Hiaasen CONTINUED FROM PAGE 7

Planting the fear that non-solar users might be forced to “subsidize” grid access for solar customers is a groundless and sleazy scare tactic that exposes the cold desperation of the big power companies.

FPL and Duke Energy are investing heavily in solar, and they don’t want to compete with smaller firms that might offer lower rates to people.

Meanwhile, mulling their huge investments in coal and petroleum, the ever-meddling Charles and David Koch have been waging war on solar power all across the country. They’ve taken a particular interest in smothering that industry in sunny Florida.

Solar is an extremely popular concept here. Many families and business owners like the idea of clean, abundant, affordable energy.

“Solar polls very well,” remarked chatty Sal Nuzzo to his audience of power-company players last month.

No wonder, then, that Amendment 1 has been disguised as a pro-solar, pro-consumer initiative.

Otherwise it wouldn’t have a prayer of passing.

“A wolf in sheep’s clothing,” wrote Florida Supreme Court Justice Barbara Pariente in her dissent, when the court voted 4-3 to allow the measure on the ballot.

Because changing the Florida Constitution requires the approval of 60 percent of voters, “Consumers for Smart Solar” has been pulling out all the stops, including buying top advertising positions on the Google search engine.

The TV commercials and “Yes on 1 For the Sun” all-media campaign radiate admiration for the rooftop-panel technology, while promising to protect you and me from unspecified “ripoffs” and “scams.”

But the biggest scam of all is Amendment 1 itself. Florida’s electric monopolies are counting on all of us to fall for it.

Vote no. Show them the light.

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It's time for the children to bring their wish list and visit with Santa Claus. All of Santa's guest receive a special treat! On the main stage from 12-4pm.

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